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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

#### States

Laci Peterson trial: Jurors in the Scott Peterson murder trial were sent home Wednesday with orders to return Monday for closing arguments after prosecutors and defense attorneys decided against calling additional witnesses.

Prosecutors had said they planned to call eight witnesses after Peterson's lawyers ended their case Tuesday. But when jurors returned Wednesday afternoon, Judge Afred A. Delucchi said both sides had decided against having additional testimony in the five-month-loner case.

Clinton's health: Former President Clinton may be out on the campaign trail, but he says he feels a bit detached "from the to and fro of the elections."

In an interview with Diane Sawyer on ABC News' "Primetime Live," Clinton also says he prayed for his family before his Sept. 6 heart bypass operation and enjoyed the enforced rest that followed.

He says he suffered no depression after the surgery and didn't mind the recuperation.

Philadelphia corruption probe: Prosecutors won four convictions Wednesday in a case related to a wide-ranging corruption investigation that involved FBI wiretapping of city officials and their political supporters.

Faridah Ali, 54, the director of a Muslim school in Philadelphia, was convicted on charges she conspired to defraud a city community college of about \$224,000 by setting up an adult education program involving nonexistent students and classes.

Ali's two children, Lakiha Spicer, 27, and Azheem Spicer, 30, were convicted of accepting money to teach courses in the program when they actually performed little work. Eugene D. Weaver III, 30, the son of a Philadelphia Community College administrator, was convicted on the same grounds.

## Business

**Delta Air Lines woes:** Delta Air Lines Inc. took a giant step away from bankruptcy when the pilots union tentatively agreed to a \$1 billion package of contract concessions, including a 32.5 percent wage cut.

The deal was reached Wednesday after 15 months of negotiations that have intensified in recent days, said Karen Miller, spokeswoman for the Air Line Pilots Association. The wage cut becomes effective Dec. 1, and the agreement includes no wage increases for five years. The union rank and file will



Love assault case: Courtney Love leaves Los Angeles County Superior Courthouse on Wednesday, Superior Court Commissioner Sanjay Kumar ordered the singer to stand train an a felony charge of assault with a deadly weapon after listening to testimony from the alleged victim, Kristin King, and a neighbor in the area of the April 25 incident. "There is uncontroverted evidence that without provocation the defendant threw a bottle at the victim and chased her with a flashlight," Kumar said. Love was ordered to asopear for arraignment Nov. 10.

vote on the plan from Monday to Nov. 11.

#### World

Darfur crisis: Rebel accusations that fresh government air-raids killed 26 citiians in Sudan's troubled Darfur region have cast a pall over peace talks in Nigeria, where African Union mediators trying lond to end the conflict are making little headway.

Mahgoup Hussain, a spokesman for the rebel Studan Liberation Army, said Wednesday that the bombings occurred Tuesday and Wednesday in the town of Allaiat, in eastern Darfur. But Lt. Gen. Mohammed Ismail, the deputy chief of staff of the Sudanese army, said there had been no fresh violence in the area.

Bosnia's missing persons: Forensics experts said Wednesday they have generated

DNA profiles from bone samples for more than 10,000 bodies unearthed from mass graves across the former Yugoslavia.

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Adnan Rizvic, deputy head of the forensic science department of the International Commission for Missing Persons, said the profiles represent a third of all those still missing after the Balkan wars of the 1990s. The samples are ready to be matched with DNA taken from relatives of the missing.

China asylum policy: China will punish anyone who helps asylum-seekers break into diplomatic missions, an official said Thursday — a day after two South Korean human rights activists were detained along with 65 North Koreans.

Police arrested the two men in a raid in eastern Beijing amid a recent spate of cases of North Koreans breaking into diplomatic facilities. Asylum-seekers have entered the Canadian and South Korean embassies and other missions in attempts to go to South Korea

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue said organizers of such "illegal immigration and breaking into diplomatic missions" will face legal consequences.

Madrid bombings: In the first trial stemming from the train bombings in Madric, Spain, a prosecutor will seek an eight-year jail term for a Spanish teenager charged with transporting dynamite used in the attacks, court officials said Thursday.

The juvenile-court trial of the 16-year-old is expected to be held behind closed doors next month. The boy's identity is known but Spanish media are barred from publishing

A National Court prosecutor announced Wednesday night she will seek eight years in a juvenile detention center for the boy, and after that five years' probation.

Thailand violence: At least two people died and 21 were injured Thursday when a bomb exploded in a border town in Thailand's troubled Narathiwat province, where about 100 Muslims earlier gathered for the mass burial of 22 unidentified men killed in military custody after a violent protest, officials said.

Police said most of the victims of the explosion appeared to be Malaysian tourists.

The bomb exploded outside a bar in the town of Sungai Kolok on the border with Majaysia, police said. Two men on a motorcycle left the explosive device in a box outside a shop next to the bar, and it exploded as they drove off, police said.

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# **Judge orders military** to halt anthrax shots

WASHINGTON - The Defense Department must immediately stop inoculating soldiers with anthrax vaccine, a federal judge ruled Wednesday, saying the Food and Drug Administration acted improperly when it approved the experimental injections for general use

Concluding that the FDA violated its own rules by approving the vaccine late last year, U.S. Dis trict Court Judge Emmet Sullivan said the mandatory vaccination program - which has inoculated more than 1.2 million soldiers since 1998 — is "illegal.

Sullivan wrote that his ban on involuntary vaccination will remain until the FDA reviews the anthrax vaccine properly or until President Bush determines the normal process must be waived due to emergency circumstances.

The Defense Department has required many soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan to be vaccinat-ed and has punished and sometimes court-martialed those who refused. The department expanded its anthrax and smallpox vaccination programs in July to include troops stationed in South Korea and other areas in Asia and Africa, despite complaints from some soldiers that the vaccine made them sick

In a statement, the Defense Department said it is reviewing the decision and will "pause giving an thrax vaccinations until the legal situation is clarified. ... DOD remains convinced that the anthrax immunization program complies with all the legal re quirements and that the anthrax vaccine is safe and effective

In his decision, Sullivan wrote that the FDA's ap proval was invalid because it did not meet required review standards and failed to seek the necessary public comment.

"Congress has prohibited the administration of in-

the government to circumvent this requirement."

"The men and women of our armed forces deserve the assurance that the vaccines our government compels them to take into their hodies have been tested by the greatest scrutiny of all - public scrutiny. This is the process the FDA in its expert judgment has outlined, and this is the course this court shall compel FDA to follow," Sullivan wrote.

The judge ruled on a suit filed in March 2003 by six servicemembers who argued that the FDA never properly reviewed the vaccine for its ability to protect against inhalation anthrax. The suit claimed that the drug was never shown to be effective and that some vaccinated soldiers have experienced extreme fatigue, joint pain and temporary memory loss after being vaccinated

The vaccine, made by BioPort of Lansing, Mich., is given as a series of several shots.

Mark Zaid, an attorney for the six who has also defended more than a dozen soldiers court-martialed for refusing the vaccine, said one of his clients was a breast-feeding mother who did not think the vaccine was safe for her child.

"We will now initiate an effort to ensure the gov ernment reverses all punishments that were imposed for refusing an order to take the vaccine, Zaid said. He also will seek compensation for soldiers who were physically harmed.

"As we've seen in Iraq, there wasn't any actual threat from anthrax, so there was never any real need for the vaccine," Zaid said.

Sullivan initially ruled in late 2003 that the FDA had never approved the vaccine and ordered inoculations to stop. Eight days later, the FDA approved the vaccine based on an application made 18 years earlier, and the inoculation program resumed. Wednesday's ruling concluded the agency did not follow its own rules in deciding the vaccine was



TOS BY GREG TYLER/Stars and Stri

This youngster in the 2004 Fear Factory at Sasebo Naval Base Saturday night is not the sweet child she appears. Sasebo's Morale, Welfare and Recreation department and community volunteers produce the Fear Factory at the Hario Housing Village Gym.

## Beware of what lurks at the Fear Factory

Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan Judging from Wednesday evening's dress rehearsal, those attending the 2004 Fear Factory at the Hario Housing Village Gym from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday will see evidence that sleepy Sase bo has its fair share of deranged weirdos - at least on Halloween weekend.

Visiting the annual haunted house should be a freaky - and at just \$3 per person, frugal night out, organizers said.

About 70 people - half of them volunteers, and the rest having some connection to Morale Welfare and Recreation - are creating the mind-boggling adrenaline rush, said event coordinator Efrain Gracia

"By day, I'm the manager of the Galaxies Club here on base," Gracia said. "And by night, I transform into everybody's worst nightmare.

'For \$3 it's an awesome hargain, and we even have a 'Pumpkin Patch' just for the little kids we don't allow in the Fear Factory," he said. "You even get a snack included in your ticket price

Not, presumably, from the massive jar full of eyeballs awaiting visitors in one of the rooms. Instead, MWR usually serves hot dogs, candy, popcorn and soft drinks each year to those exiting the haunted house.

"Here in Japan they don't really do very much in the way of Halloween activities, so to be able to

do something of this magnitude, of this size, is one of the ways we can provide a little bit of what people from the base are accustomed to back home," Gracia said.

The end of the Fear Factors tour will feature a big finale, although Gracia declined to disclose details. He did say, however, that the chainsaw-wielding goons that enlivened past Fear Factories would be absent this weekend because they "have become passé, really."

Two major contributions came from volunteers, including a bizarre vortex tunnel created by James Jackson from Sasebo's Bowling Center. The second is a strange "gravity house," built by the Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Rattalion 133 Saseho Detachment

"This is the first time I've been involved in a haunted house I mean. I went through a couple as a kid, but I've never been a part of creating one," said volunteer Petty Officer 2nd Class Neil Dyer, from Assault Craft Unit

"I was listening to the radio when I heard they were looking for volunteers and I thought it might be fun. So I came out here and everybody had a bunch of ideas, and it's turned out great."

"Some of it actually comes from my demented mind," he added. "They always give me a hard time when we're working here. They say, 'You're sick. What's wrong with you?' It's all fun though."

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#### BY JENNIFER H. SVAN school's mock election to get students interested in and excited Stars and Strings

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan Sollars Elementary School's fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders went to the polls Thursday and overwhelmingly voted for the incumbent in a mock election. President Bush garnered 243

votes, with Sen. John Kerry mustering just 70. Independent candi-date Ralph Nader tallied a lackluster 13 The school's votes will be count-

ed as part of National Mock Election Day, when millions of students across the United States, as well as U.S. students living elsewhere in the world, get the chance to cast mock ballots in an exercise to promote civic aware-Sollars' gifted-education teach-

er, Lori Grant, organized the

#### said at home. about voting - so they'll exercise their right to vote when they turn

18, she said Voting gives them a voice, Grant said: "It's their way of choosing who is going to make

Kids take their views to the polls

the laws for them It was Grant's first mock election at Sollars, but she also held

one in Mississippi in 1988, when the elder George Bush faced off Democrat Michael Dukakis. In that national mock election, "George Bush Sr. won, Grant said, "so we kind of wonder if this is a predicting factor."

Sollars' fifth-grade social studies teacher Michael Tate said the kids in the national mock election tend to "pick a winner, because they're mirroring what's being

But talk to the Sollars students. and some say they don't even know for whom their parents

"My dad says it's a secret, that that's what voting is all about," said 10-year-old Stephanie Wirtanen, who said she checked off Bush on her ballot.

Grant said the students researched the candidates and made campaign posters, and most are studying the election process in their curriculum. Some classes even watched the presidential debates, she said.

They also registered at school to vote in the mock election about two weeks ago.

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## USS Blueridge makes routine dock at Yokosuka

BY GREG TYLER Stars and Strines

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan - The U.S. Navy's 7th Fleet com-mand ship, the USS Blue Ridge. which was scheduled to maneuver into an India Basin berthing slot here Thursday, is making a routine port call following a dry-dock period at Yokosuka Naval Base

Immediately following a period in dry dock, ships routinely undertake voyages to gauge the success dry-dock maintenance, grades and repairs, a Navy official said Wednesday afternoon.

On Thursday night, the Blue Ridge planned "a reception on board for local officials and othstated Chief Petty Officer Rick Chernitzer, a 7th Fleet spokesman, by e-mail Wednesday. The duration of the port call was unknown at deadline.

The amphibious command ship Blue Ridge is commanded by Capt. J. Stephen Maynard of Kettering. Ohio. The ship supports maritime missions by "providing a robust communications suite" to allow 7th Fleet commander Vice Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert and his staff to "provide guidance and direction to U.S. naval forces in the region.' Chernitzer added

The Blue Ridge permanently operates out of Yokosuka Naval Bas For information about the Blue Ridge and the 7th Fleet, visit: www.c7f navv mil

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## Correction A story in Thursday's paper

about a gas-price increase at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station listed the wrong price for diesel fuel. The cost of diesel will increase from \$1.50 to \$2.05 a gallon

# FedEx offices offer free shipping for ballots

By JOSEPH GIORDONO

Stars and Strines

VONGSAN GARRISON South Korea — Still haven't sent in your absentee ballot for next week's presidential election? You're in

Overseas voters are being given a free pass, literally, to ship their ballots by express service to the United States. Through Monday, Federal Express locations around Japan will be offering free service for all absentee bal-

As part of an agreement with the U.S. government, the ballots will be shipped at no cost to the only at Federal Express offices in Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya and Fukuoka and at U.S. embassies in those locations, said Alice Lai, a customer service representative for Federal Express in Japan.

"There won't be any service for direct pickup," Lai said, adding that Federal Express has no branches on U.S. military installations in Japan or Okinawa. "But the U.S. embassies in those four cities will accent the free shinments. The ballots can be taken directly to the embassies or one of our FedEx stations there. They can't be placed in a FedEx drop

box. Federal Express operates no hoku areas, she added, so the free offer won't be available to U.S. voters residing in those munici-

Contact the Federal Express in Japan customer service depart-ment at 012-000-3200 for more in-

Absentee hallots were a major factor in the confusion following the 2000 election, amid concerns about whether they were filed by the deadlines and whether they were counted accurately.

This year, several states didn't mail their absentee ballots to overseas voters by Sept. 20, which election officials consider cut-off date for reasonably expect-

for it to be counted.

Election laws vary by state, with most requiring ballots be received before polls close on election day. However, ballots postmarked by election day, even if received soon after election day. are counted before the state sends its electors off to cast the state's electoral votes in December. A close election will also trigger an automatic recount in many states according to Brian McNiff a spokesman with the Massachusetts Elections Division

Federal election officials estimate 4.5 million eligible voters reside overseas, including hundreds of thousands of servicemembers and government civil ian workers. This year, with so many troops deployed to Iraq and other locations around the world in addition to those stationed in Europe and the Pacific — officials have made an extra push toward ensuring those votes are counted.

The Pentagon has set up a Web site - www.myballot.mil - that lets voters download absentee ballots. But according to the New York Times News Service, 23 states have declined to accept ballots filed via the Pentagon system, in some instances citing security concerns.

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## USFJ helps victims of earthquake

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Strines

MISAWA AIR BASE Japan U.S. Forces Japan finally received the call it awaited: Japan's government needed plastic sheeting for survivors of last Saturday's Niigata prefecture earthquakes

USFJ spokeswoman Capt. Richelle Dowdell said Thursday that USFJ received the request through the U.S Embassy in Tokyo on Tuesday morning, after U.S. Forces Japan provided a list of supplies that could be gathered quickly. "Secretary (Donald) Rumsfeld signed the request person-ally," Dowdell said. "Within a few hours ... we were able to get a C-130 aircraft on its way."

It left Yokota Air Base near Tokyo on Thursday morning with 6,000 pounds of plastic sheeting, flew to Misawa in northern Japan, refueled and loaded another 6,000 pounds of sheeting

It was to land at Niigata on Thursday afternoon but broke down at Misawa. The C-130 was to be repaired the same day but Yokota spokesman 1st Lt. Warren Comer said delivery was postponed a day because Niigata's airfield isn't equipped for night landings. Another C-130 from Yokota was to pick up the crew, passengers and cargo at Misawa on Thursday, return to Yokota, pick up supplies the Tokyo Metropolitan Gov. ernment is donating, then fly to Niigata on Friday, Comer said

"We're going to make sure it gets there but we want to make sure it gets there safely." he said. "And



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Senior Airman Jon Paszkot, 374th Airlift Wing C-130 loadmaster, Yokota Air Base, Japan, checks the cargo weight and balance of earthquake relief supplies on the Misawa Air Base flightline Thursday.

we're going to make it there with more supplies.'

Cant. O.G. Torres, a C-130 navigator with Yokota's 36th Airlift Squadron and a crew member on the plane Thursday, said, "Any time you get to do a real-world mission to help people out, it's one of the best feelings in the world. And we're giving back to the country that's hosting us

Though the military offered other items, such as blankets and tents, the initial request was for plastic sheeting. "That didn't surprise us ... that was one of the main items we were able to help the Japanese out with during the 1995 Kobe earthquake, said Michael Boyle, a spokesman with the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo. The sheeting will be used "for essentially temporary repairs to housing to make them air-tight and water-tight," he said. "It's a quick way to get people out of the ele-

ments. The death toll from the series of violent earthquakes and after-shocks in the rural prefecture crept past 30 this week; with more than 100,000 still homeless, cold weather is becoming a serious threat

Other U.S. military bases in Japan also were gathering donations. For in-stance, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan Regional Fire Department at Sasebo Naval Base is accepting donations such as new or dry-cleaned and packaged blankets, unused gloves and disposable pocket warmers, base spokeswoman Yoko Aramaki said Thursday afternoon.

"The items can be dropped off at any Sasebo fire department facility by COB (close of business) Monday, Nov. 8." she said. Call the fire department at DSN 252-2143 for more infor-

"Also, cash, yen and checks are acceptable through the base chaplain's office with the same deadline. The funds will be forwarded to the Japan Red Cross Agency to assist victims of the earthquakes," Aramaki added. Call the chaplain's office at DSN 252-3380 for more information or to make monetary donations.

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## Air Force adjusts CJR list

BY LISA BURGESS

ARLINGTON, Va. - Air Force officials are tweaking the career job reservation, or CJR, list, adding five spe-cialties to the "constrained" list, for which re-enlistments are prohibited without an airman retraining into another field, and dropping six other jobs from the roster

Rules require that all first-term airmen must have an approved career job reservation before they can re-enlist,

and only first-term airmen selected for re-enlistment by their commander are allowed to apply for a CJR. If an airman has not gotten a CJR in the job he or she wants by the end of the re-enlistment window, he or she must either retrain into a shortage career field, or leave

the service. Effective Oct. 1, the five newly constrained jobs include:

■ 1T1X1 — Aircrew life support
■ 2A3X3b — Tactical aircraft maintenance for the F-16 and F-117 2A5X3D — Integrated avionics systems, com-

munication, navigation, and mission
■ 2E1X4 — Visual imagery and intrusion
■ 3C0X1 — Communications computer systems opera-

Also effective Oct. 1, the six jobs removed from the CJR

■ 2A5X2 — helicopter maintenance

■ 2M0X2 — missile and space systems maintenance ■ 2R0X1 — maintenance management analysis

■ 2T3X5

 vehicle body maintenance ■ 2VIXIX — aircraft armament systems (includes basic job code and all suffixes)

asic juli color and an arms 320X1 — electrical systems
The CJR was first used in the late 1990s, when reten-

tion was poor, but certain career fields were overmanned and those people could be used elsewhere, according to service officials. Now the service has a different problem: Despite a num-

ber of manning programs, the service is still over its con-gressionally authorized end strength by 12,453 airmen, Air Force spokeswoman Jennifer Stephens said Thurs-

The service has several "force shaping" options, including incentives to get people to join reserve units and the new "Blue to Green" interservice transfer program to the Army, which needs to add 20,000 soldiers to its rosters.

Air Staff officials look at job manning levels every month and adjust the CJR list "because we constantly have people coming in and leaving," Master Sgt. Randy Mitchell, a spokesman for the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, told Stripes on Thursday in a

For more information on the CJR and a list of constrained job fields, airmen should go to their Military Personnel Flight's re-enlistment office, or visit the CJR Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af. mil/enl-skills/Reenlistments/CJR.htm.

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## Marine Corps ball

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan -The Semper Fi Society of Yokota Air Base will celebrate the 229th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps on Nov. 6 in the Enlisted Club's Ohsawa Ballroom.

A limited number of seats remain available. Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased with check, cash or club card. The bash begins at 5:30 p.m

with cocktails, followed by dinner at 6 p.m. The Marine Corps birthday hall ceremony is set for 6:30 p.m., while dancing starts at 9 p.m., with live music by Final Ap-

This year's guest speaker is

Michael Michalak, the deputy chief of mission for the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo.

Attire is evening dress/dress blue alpha for Marine Corps; mess dress for Air Force; formal dress for Navy and Coast Guard: blue mess/evening dress for Army; and black tie for civilians.

To RSVP and purchase tickets,

contact Sgt. Nguyen at DSN 225-5939 or via e-mail at phong.nguyen@usfj.mil

## 'Gray Wolves' arrive

Electronic Attack Squadron 142 arrived at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station for six months as part of the U.S. Marine Corps Unit Deployment Program, base

officials announced Wednesday The "Gray Wolves" of VAQ-142 replace Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 1, a unit re-turning to their home base at Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station N.C.

The home base of VAO-142 is Whidbey Island Naval Air Station, Wash.

From staff reports

# Ailing Arafat to be sent to Paris for treatment

## Doctors say weak leader has low platelet count

BY LARA SUKHTIAN The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank - Palestinian officials prepared to fly the ailing Yasser Arafat to Paris for treatment after blood tests found he had a low count of platelets, which help clotting.

Associates said Arafat was too weak to stand Thursday, appeared confused at times and spent most of the day sleeping.

The doctors told reporters there could be a variety of causes for the low count, including blood cancer, and more tests were needed to de-

termine the reason.
The 75-year-old Arafat will be taken Friday morning to Amman. Jordan, and then he will be flown plane to Paris, said Munib al-Masri, an Arafat aide. On Thursday. Jordan dispatched two helicopters to the West Bank to pick up Arafat, government spokeswoman Asma Khader said in Amman

The Palestinian leader has been sick for the past two weeks but took a turn for the worse Wednesday night when he collapsed and briefly lost consciousness. Arafat's personal physician, Dr. Ashraf Kurdi, said there was no immediate threat to Arafat's life, "His condition is good, his spirits are high.

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Arafat's aides released two photos and video said to have been taken Thursday morning showing him sitting in a chair, broadly smil ing and holding hands with h

tors. He wore blue pajamas and a dark stocking cap - a rare view of him without his

trademark black-and-white checkered headscarf

But the impending transfer highlights the severity of the health crisis. would Arafat's first trip away from his bat tered, sandbagged headquarters compound in Ramallah since he was confined there by Isra-el in 2002.

Israel assured the Palestinians on Thursday that if Arafat recovered, he would be able to return to the West Bank, a prominent Israel-Arab lawmaker said. In the past Israel was unwilling to make such promises

Palestinian officials have cited

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flu and gallstones as possible causes for his sickness in recent days. But the comments by a group doctors rushed in from Jordan, Egypt and Tunis after Wednesday ight's collapse indicated that phy-

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Platelets are the blood components that aid in clotting. Low platelets can be caused by medical many cluding bleeding ulcers colitis liver disease and blood such as leukemia and lymphoma or by treatment with blood thinners like certain tions. Israeli officials have specu-

lated Arafat is suffering from cancer in the digestive tract, but the Palestinians said earlier that blood tests and an endoscopy found no sign of cancer. Israeli defense officials met

Thursday to discuss the possible fallout if Arafat dies. Anxious Palestinians throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip waited for any scrap of information about his condition, with many fearing his death would plunge their nation

into a profound crisis. French President Jacques Chirac's office said France will send a plane to transport Arafat. On Thursday night, workers cleared out the courtyard of the Ramallah compound to make room for a helicopter for the trip to Amman. A tractor cleared piles of demolished cars, which Arafat placed in the courtvard months ago, fearing an Israeli invasion was imminent.

After the collapse Wednesday night, Palestinian officials initially tried to play down the health prob lems, saying he performed Muslim prayers before dawn Thursday and ate a light breakfast of corn flakes and milk.

But a close Arafat associate said the Palestinian leader spent most of the day sleeping. When he awoke he was moved into a wheelchair because he was very weak and could not stand up, the associate said. At times, Arafat appeared confused, not recognizing some of his visitors, he added.

Arafat has been unable to hold down food, and also suffers from diarrhea, the associate said on condition of anonymity.

Arafat's wife, Suha, arrived at the Ramallah headquarters Thursday after she was called from Tunis to be with her hus-

Suha Arafat lives in Paris with their young daughter, and has not seen her husband since 2001 Arafat has been confined to the

sandbagged, partially demolished compound since May 2002. He has been kept inside both by occasional Israeli military blockades and by threats that he would not be allowed to return if he leaves.



Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, center, smiles at his compound in Ramallah in the West Bank on Thursday in this picture released by the Palestinian Authority

## Palestinians anxiously await word on condition

The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank Palestinians anxiously moni-tored Yasser Arafat's declining health Thursday, but there was no spontaneous outpouring of sympathy nor mass vigil outside the compound where he has been confined by Israel for 21/2

Throughout Gaza and the West Bank, however, residents waited for any scrap of information about the 75-year-old lead-

er.
"I was awake all the night searching for news about the president's health," said Imad Samara, a teacher from Gaza City.

"I pray to God to save him be we need him, he is the safety valve for everything here, he the father of all the Palestin-

In four years of Israeli-Pales-tinian violence, the Palestinian economy has come to a virtual standstill and disorder has gripped much of the Palestinian territories, with rival security forces battling each other over

n Shahin, a law student at Abu Dis University on the outskirts of Jerusalem, said that if Arafat died, there would be a

frenzy of violence. "Everybody loves him, and when he is gone, we will have a civil war that will destroy us," she said. "Some people will not

know how to behave, you will have everyone fighting for power."

As she spoke, the gleaming vehicle of Gaza strongman Moham-med Dahlan drove by, provoking

her disgust. You see this?" she said. "The tinted, bulletproof windows? They don't welcome us and they

can't lead us. Elsewhere in the West Bank, Nadar Abdel Hadi of Nablus expressed doubts about reports on Arafat's health that played down the severity of his illness. A kiosk displayed newspapers that said

Arafat was in good condition.

"I don't believe the news." he said. "I will only believe it when the TV cameras enter his room and show us what his situation is. Our people have never known anything, not about Arafat's health and not about his deci-

Arafat has been ill for two weeks, but reports about his ail-

ment have varied widely. Palestinian officials said he had the flu. Israeli officials speculated he might have stomach cancer, but two of his doctors said Wednesday a blood test and a biopsy of tissue from his digestive tract showed no evidence of that.

On Tuesday, a hospital official said Arafat was suffering from a large gallstone. The gallstone, while extremely painful, is not life-threatening and can be easi-ly treated, the official said.

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# Japan coordinates effort to free 'curious' hostage

## Officials discuss ways to save traveler captured in Iraq, but say they won't give in to terrorists

BY AUDREY MCAVOY The Associated Press

TOKYO - Japanese leaders struggled on Thursday to contact militants holding a Japanese traveler hostage as the deadline for the captive's beheading ap-proached. Tokyo stood firm in its refusal to withdraw its troops from Iraq.

Japanese government envoy Shuzen Tanigawa arrived early

Thursday Amman. Jordan. to coordinate diplomatic efforts to free Shosei Koda, whose captors threatened Tuesday to kill him in 48 hours unless Japan pulled out of Iraq.

government. however, had few details on kidnapping and Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi acknowledged on Thursday that leaders were hamstrung in their efforts to 24-year-old's life.

"We are calling on other countries, and those sympathetic to Japan, and the Iraqi people, but it remains difficult to figure out the situation," Koizumi said. "Mr. Koda is ... just an ordinary, curious young man, and we are really hoping for his release."

Later Thursday, Koizumi told reporters: "Our wide-ranging efforts continue but we still don't know where he is."

Japanese diplomats appealed to the United States, the Iraqi government and countries neighboring Iraq for help in winning Koda's freedom. Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda said Japan had contacted 25 countries about the case

Tuesday, al-Qaida-linked group led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi vowed to kill Koda within 48 hours unless Japan withdrew its troops from

Koizumi swiftly refused the demand, saying he wouldn't give in

Late Wednesday, Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura spoke with Secretary of State Colin Pow-

ell, who pledged the United States' and welcomed Koizumi's assurances that Japan would not withdraw. In an interview with Al-Jazeera taped Thursday, Machimura urged the mili-Koda's life and re-

tants to spare lease him as soon as possible, minisspokesman Akira Chiba said. "I understand it is Ramadan, a



Japan's National Police Agency said it had dispatched a counterterror unit to Jordan to help ministry officials gather intelligence.

Koda, who left Japan in January for a yearlong trip starting in New Zealand, told people he met traveling that he wanted to go to Iraq to see the country

Samer Smeidi, a receptionist at the Cliff Hotel where Koda stayed in Amman, Jordan, said travelers tried to warn Koda that Iraq was very dangerous, but he refused to listen. Smeidi said Koda told him he only had \$100.

Koda's father Masumi, 54, an

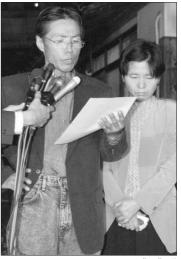
tape aired Wednesday by Al-Jazeera

"What I want Shosei's kidnanpers to understand is that he is not an activist supporting the stay of the Japanese troops in Iraq nor the American policy there," his fa-

Koda's mother, Setsuko, 50, and elder brother, Maki, 26, said they made a similar appeal on Al-Jazeera Thursday.

By Thursday, Koda's family had received as many as 50 irate phone calls, said Masatoshi Norimatsu, the press officer for their hometown of Naogata in Fukuoka prefecture (state), about 560 miles southwest of Tokyo.

Some of the callers demanded to know why "the government had to waste taxpayers' money to try to rescue" Koda and why he went to Iraq knowing it was dangerous. Norimatsu said.



Masumi Koda, left, father of Shosei Koda, a Japanese man kidnapped in Iraq, and the hostage's mother, Setsuko, speak to journalists in Nogata, Japan, on Wednesday.



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## **Powell backtracks on remarks about Taiwan**

BY WILLIAM FOREMAN The Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan - Taiwan's government on Thursday applauded U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell's decision to back away from his earlier controversial claim that both

China and Taiwan favor unification. Powell's original reference to "a reunification that all parties are seeking" and his comment that self-ruled Tai wan "is not independent" had drawn praise from Beijing

and stunned Tainei The Taiwanese feared that U.S. policy had changed and that Washington was starting to pressure the democratic island to join China.

Powell clarified his remarks in a TV interview Wednes day with the U.S. television channel CNBC. He said the goal "really is to have a peaceful resolution of the prob-lem" between Taiwan and China, which split amid civil

war in 1949. Most Taiwanese believe China is repressive and don't want to be ruled by the Communist government. But Beijing insists the island, just 100 miles off China's coast, must eventually unify or face invasion - a conflict that could involve U.S. forces, who have helped defend Taiwan

For decades, Washington's policy has been to avoid endorsing a specific resolution to the feud. It has simply urged both sides to work out their differences peacefully. In recent years, it has added that Taiwan's people should have a say in any outcome.

On Thursday, Taiwanese Presidential Office spokesman James Huang declined to say whether the government thinks Powell misspoke or was signaling a stronger policy. But Huang said Powell's clarification "was a positive development and helpful to clarify the whole incident and we will continue to communicate with the U.S. side.

Taiwan's representative in Washington, David Lee, told TVBS cable news that U.S. officials said Washington's policy hasn't changed.

'They've told me again that America's position for the ast 30 years is for the two sides to use dialogue to peace fully resolve the problem. It's not to peaceful unification. Lee said.

Taiwanese President Chen Shui-bian's view is that Taiwan is an independent nation and that only its voters can determine the island's fate - a position that makes

Beijing bristle.

In Beijing on Thursday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue declined to comment specifically on Powell's latest remarks.

Powell on Monday also stunned Taiwan by rejecting the island's claims that it is a sovereign nation. He appeared to support Beijing's claims over Taiwan by saving, "There is only one China.

Taiwan is not independent." Powell didn't clarify those remarks in his CNBC inter-

Washington doesn't have formal diplomatic relations with Taiwan, but treats the island like an independent nation for most practical purposes. The United States also sells weapons to Taiwan.

John Tkacik, an Asia analyst, criticized Powell in a scathing essay on the Web site of the Heritage Foundation, a

Washington think tank. Tkacik said Washington must reaffirm that it doesn't take a position on Taiwan's sovereignty "because sover-

eignty resides in the people of that country." He warned that unless Powell clearly corrects himself and reaffirms long-standing U.S. policy, his comments will signal China that it's acceptable to take over Taiwan by force

That is a green light for a conflict in the Taiwan Strait that the Chinese would be only too happy to observe," he said.

## Three foreign election workers kidnapped in Afghanistan

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan Armed men in military uniforms stopped a U.N. vehicle in Kabul on Thursday, beating the driver and abducting three foreigners in Afghanistan to help oversee landmark presidential elections.

The daylight kidnapping followed warnings that Taliban militants could target foreigners in an echo of the brutal insurgency roiling Iraq. It came less than a week after a suicide attack killed an American translator

Two of the kidnap victims were women: one with joint British-Irish nationality, and another from Kosovo. The third was a male diplomat from the Philippines. All work for Afghanistan's

U.N.-sponsored election body. A man claiming to speak for a Taliban splinter group, Jamiat Jaish-al Muslimeen, said it was responsible. The veracity of the

claim could not be verified.

After the kidnapping, Afghan forces mounted roadblocks inside and outside of Kabul, as NATO helicopters searched for

clues from the sky. The American military was ready to help "locate and if need be to rescue these individuals when they are found," spokesman Maj. Mark McCann said.

Afghan and U.N. officials said the three were stopped and abducted by about five gunmen.

An Interior Ministry official said the Afghan driver, who was beaten and left behind, told investigators black a four-wheel-drive vehicle with tinted windows pulled in sharply in front of the U.N. SUV

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# Were explosives moved before war started?

BY JOHN J. LUMPKIN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - As Demo presidential candidate John Kerry hammers President Bush's administration over the disappearance of nearly 400 tons of explosives in Iraq, Pentagon experts are suggesting the ordnance could have been moved before the United States invaded in March 2003

An infantry commander said Wednesday it is "very highly im-probable" that someone could have trucked out so much material once U.S. forces arrived in the

Col. David Perkins commanded the 2nd Brigade of the 3rd Infantry Division, the division that led the charge into Baghdad. Those troops first captured the Iraqi weapons depot from which tons of explosives disap

Two major roads that pass near the Al-Qaqaa installation were filled with U.S. military traffic in the weeks after April 3, 2003, when U.S. troops first reached the area, the colonel said.

Perkins and others in the military acknowledged that some looting at the site had taken place But he said a large-scale operation to remove the explosives trucks almost certainly would have been detected.

Perkins, now a staff officer at the Pentagon, was made available to reporters by Defense Department spokesmen.

Just days before the Nov. 2 U.S. election, the Kerry campaign has pointed to the missing explosives as evidence of the Bush administration's poor handling of the war. Bush officials have responded that more than a thousand times that amount of explosives and munitions in Iraq have been recovered or destroyed.

Mike McCurry, an adviser to Kerry, said, "From some of the Pentagon reporting today, there is a window that's available there where either just prior to or just after the invasion, there could have been an opportunity for either Saddam to move the weapons or for something happening after that facility had been abandoned

"And that is up to the administration to best determine how to answer that question when that

## Experts troubled over missing weapons in Iraq

## Weapons at risk

The disappearance of 377 tons of explosives have experts worrying that other weapons might be in jeopardy of falling into insurgent or terrorist hands.



The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria - Revelations that nearly 400 tons of conventional explosives have gone missing in Iraq have experts wondering what other weapons might be in jeopardy of falling into insurgent or terrorist hands

Even the U.S. State Department concedes it can't provide "100 percent security for 100 per-cent of the sites." By all accounts, Iraq is studded with weapons depots — many in places where U.S.-led forces are preoccupied with their fiercest

Troubling questions about what other weapons might be vulnerable to looting have arisen since the U.N. nuclear agency's warning this week that 377 U.S. tons of non-nuclear explosives disap peared from the former Al-Qaqaa military installation south of Baghdad.

You'd think that those sites would be the highest priority for guarding in the immediate after-math of the invasion," said Shannon Kyle, senior researcher on nuclear arms control and nonproliferation at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute in Sweden.

The explosives missing from Al-Oagaa alone could produce hundreds of thousands of bombs more than enough to "fuel an insurgency literally for years," Kyle said Tuesday.

International Atomic Energy Agency chief Mohamed ElBaradei reported their disappearance to the U.N. Security Council on Monday, two weeks after he said Iraq told his agency that the explosives had vanished as a result of "theft and looting due to lack of security

The explosives included HMX and RDX, key components in plastic explosives, which insur-gents in Iraq have used to deadly effect in months of bloody car bomb attacks on the U.S.-led multina-

Among Iraq's known weapons depots is one near Khaldiya, about 50 miles west of the capital, where a suicide car bomber attacked a U.S. conoy on Monday, destroying at least two Humvees Others have been identified around Tikrit and in the desert near Karbala — places where U.S.-led forces have battled insurgents and been targeted by car bombs.

Last week, a U.S. patrol discovered a huge weapons cache at a large depot near Salman Pak, south of Baghdad. The cache included 450 anti-tank mines, 300 grenades, 35 rocket-propelled gre-

nades, as well as mortar shells and primers.

Richard Guthrie, project leader for the Stockholm institute's chemical and biological warfare project, said he doubts a single group of insurgents could have obtained the missing explosives.

The Pentagon said U.S.-led forces who searched the Al-Qaqaa facility after last year's invasion found some explosive material, but none of it carried IAEA seals. The nuclear agency's inspectors had sealed storage bunkers shortly before the war because HMX is a "dual use" explosive that also can be used as an ignitor on a nuclear bomb.

happened. But they don't have an answer, and that's what we're ask-ing for," McCurry said.

Larry Di Rita, the Pentagon's top spokesman, said what ultimately happened to the explosives is unknown. The department is investigating. But Perkins' description seemed to point toward the possibility that the explosives were removed before the U.S.-led invasion to oust Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, rather than during the chaos afterward.

Meanwhile, The Washington Times reported Thursday that Russian special forces troops moved many of Saddam's weapons and related goods out of Iraq and into Syria in the weeks before the March 2003 military opera-

Defense Ministry spokesman Vyacheslav Sedov dis missed the allegations as "ab-surd" and "ridiculous."

"I can state officially that the Russian Defense Ministry and its structures couldn't have been involved in the disappearance of the explosives, because all Russian military experts left Iraq when the international sanctions were introduced during the 1991 Gulf War," he said.

John A. Shaw, the U.S. deputy undersecretary of defense for international technology security, told The Times in an interview that he believes the Russian troops, working with Iraqi intelli-gence, "almost certainly" removed the high-explosive materi-

"The Russians brought in, just before the war got started, a whole series of military units," Shaw was quoted as saying. "Their main job was to shred all evidence of any of the contractual arrangements they had with the Iragis. The others were transpor-

tation units.

Shaw, who was in charge of cataloging the tons of conventional arms provided to Iraq by foreign suppliers, said he recently obtained reliable information on the arms-dispersal program from two European intelligence services that have detailed knowledge of the Russian-Iraqi weapons col-



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# Militants abduct, kill 11 Iraqi soldiers



An Iraqi man and child exchange glances with a U.S. Marine during a raid in Ramadi, Iraq, on Thursday. Marines raided dozens of buildings, detained six Iraqis and recovered small arms and ammunition, while insurgents attacked with mortars and detonated a radside bomb as the Marines returned to their base.

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## Polish woman taken hostage; Japan can't enlist cleric's aid

#### BY MARIAM FAM

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Insurgents slaughtered 11 Iraq'i soldiers, warning on an Islamic militant Web site Thursday that the fighters will avenge "the blood" of women and children killed in American strikes on the guerrilla stronghold of Falluiah.

The wave of foreigner kidnappings claimed another victim — a Polish woman said to be married to an Iraqi. The kidnappers demanded that Poland withdraw its 2,400 soldiers and that the coalition free all Iraqi women held in the Abu Ghraib prison.

CARE International, meanwhile, announced it was shutting down operations in Iraq, as demanded by kidnappers of the organization's director for Iraq.

Elsewhere, two more American soldiers were killed — one in a car bombing in southern Baghdad and the other in an ambush near Balad, 40 miles north of the capital.

In Tokyo, Japanese authorities said they had failed to enlist the help of a prominent Iraqi cleric in trying to free Japanese hostage Shosei Koda, who was shown in a video aired Tuesday.

An al-Qaida affiliate led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi threatened to behead Koda in 48 hours unless Japan withdraws its troops from Iraq, a demand rejected by Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi.

The killing of the 11 Iraqi National Guardsmen was claimed by the Ansar al-Sunnah Army, which posted a videotape of their brutal deaths on its Web site along with a warning for all Iraqi police and soldiers to desert or face death. The militants said earlier that the soldiers were abducted this week.

After forcing each soldier to state his name and his unit, the mil-

itants forced one of them to the

The others were forced to kneel with their hands bound as a gunman fired shots into the back of

each of their heads.

A voice on the videotape warned all Iraqi soldiers and police to "repent to God, abandon your weapons, go home and beware of supporting the apostate Crusaders or their followers, the Iraqi government, or else you will only find

"We will not forget the blood of our elderly, our women and our children that is shed daily in Fallujah, Samarra, Ramadi and elsewhere," a written statement on the Web site warned.

The movement has claimed responsibility for a number of attacks and hostage takings, including the slaying of 12 Nepalese hostages in August.

U.S. and Iraqi forces are gearing up for a possible assault on Fallujah and other militant strongholds west of Baghdad if community leaders do not hand over foreign fighters and extremists, including al-Zarqawi and his followers.

On Thursday, U.S. aircraft bombed a suspected insurgent safe house in Fallujah, killing two people, hospital officials said.

Insurgents also clashed with U.S. forces in Ramadi, 25 miles west of Fallujah and another militant stronghold. Two people were killed, hospital officials said.

Also Thursday, an armed group calling itself Al-Islam's Army Brigades, Al-Karar Brigade, said it obtained a "huge amount of the explosives" that are missing from the Al-Qaqaa weapons installation south of Baghdad.

The claim couldn't be independently verified and the tape offered no evidence that the claim

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

he Associated Press

As of Wednesday, at least 1,109 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 846 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is three higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Wednesday at 10 am EDT

The British military has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19, Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 971 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 737 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest death reported by the military:

■ A soldier was killed Wednesday when a motorcycle bomber attacked a U.S. convoy in central Iraq

The latest identification reported by the military:

■ Marine Cpl. Brian Oliveira, 22, Raynham, Mass.; killed Monday in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

# Phone firms get green light on fiber optics

## Upgrades allow for cable TV competition

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - For at least a decade, phone companies have been promising to rewire America with fiber-optic cables. Now, with a romp of regulatory victories in hand, the regional Bells say they're free to make good on that ambitious plan to bring lightning-fast Web and TV services to all the nation's homes.

In recent days, the nation's three biggest local phone compa nies announced plans to expand their fiber deployments, an en-deavor that may take years to pay off for Verizon Communications Inc., SBC Communications Inc. and BellSouth Corp.

Some analysts wonder whether the companies can even afford the tens of billions of dollars it will cost to replace the copper in their networks. Further, the Bells will need to secure good enough terms on TV programming and lure enough customers from cable and satellite operators to justify the investment

Skeptics also worry that government regulation may yet be used by the Bells as an excuse to stall. But with cable TV and cellular

companies offering their own nhone and broadband services. the Bells maintain it's out with the copper, and in with the fiber.

To that end. Verizon announced last week that six more communi-

ties in three states are being offered its new fiber-based Internet service, first introduced to the Dallas suburb of Keller in August. Verizon also said fiber is now being installed in communities in nine encompassing about 700,000 homes and businesses.

And to further demonstrate its resolve, Verizon said it is hiring 5,000-to-7,000 people for the job and negotiating with content providers to introduce TV and video services by sometime next year.

A day earlier, SBC said it had placed a \$1.7 billion order with Alcatel SA of France for network equipment and video system integration services.

Those announcements came about a week after the Bells responded to favorable rulings by the Federal Communications including one Commission widely reported decision that has yet to be confirmed - by stepping up their commitment to fiber.

SBC said its deployment, budgeted at \$4 billion to \$6 billion. would deliver advanced services to 18 million households within three years rather than five as previously announced. BellSouth. which leads its peers with fiber already strung to the curb at 1.1 million homes, said it was increasing next year's deployment by 40 per-cent to about 180,000 homes.

Verizon stood by its projection to reach about 1 million homes at a cost of \$800 million and another

2 million homes in 2005, though anecdotal evidence suggests it, too, has picked up the pace.

"Every discussion we've had with people close to [Verizon's] project indicate they are moving, and moving faster than the publicly announced plans," said Albert Lin, industry analyst for Ameri-can Technology Research. "Contractors working on that program are making installations of equipment that would not make sense to install unless you were planning to introduce service.

ly calls for the fiber to stretch right into the home. The plan at BellSouth is to bring fiber to the curb, or within about 500 feet of most homes, and then complete the connection over the existing copper lines. SBC wants to extend fiber to the neighborhood, or within about 5,000 feet of homes before handing off to copper.

Verizon's approach is by far the most expensive - costs may range from \$800 to \$2,500 per home — but could theoretically deliver hundreds or thousands of times the amount of bandwidth allowed by today's copper wires.

The route chosen by SBC and BellSouth represents a compromise between cost, deployment time and bandwidth

It's also a bet that advances with DSL technology will let them shoot their signals across a shorter expanse of copper with enough

Only Verizon's blueprint actual-

Vinnie Sinatra, a fiber crewmember with SBC Communications Inc., s a machine to push fiber-optic cable into an underground conduit Oct. 22 in Buffalo Grove, III. Phone companies have been promising to rewire America with fiber-optic cables for at least a decade. With a recent romp of regulatory victories in hand, the regional Bells say they're now free to make good on that ambitious plan.

them more time to ensure that the regulatory coast remains clear.

Yet while all three companies are definitely digging up more cables and restringing more telephone poles than ever before, doubts remain.

To begin with, if the Democrats manage to recapture the White House next week, the FCC might tilt back toward forcing competition by requiring the Bells to lease their local lines to rivals such as AT&T Corp. at low government-set rates

The Bells would likely slam the brakes on their investment with a return to that policy: Given a choice of local phone providers for the first time, nearly 20 million homes and small businesses switched their service from the Bells between 2002 and early

The regulatory tide turned in March with a court decision that

speed to handle multimedia and threw out the line-sharing pro-interactive video. But it also gives cess. The FCC has since voted twice to protect different types of fiber deployment from any shar-ing obligations, and a third such decision has reportedly already

been made. Some skeptics contend that re-wiring the nation will cost so much that even the Bells' new found regulatory confidence isn't enough to justify the investment.

SBC. BellSouth and Verizon are all heavily in debt and pouring money as it is into upgrading their wireless operations with advanced technologies that would compete at least partly with the services to be delivered over

Then again, those very same concerns could be masking longer-term plans at SBC and Bell-South to install fiber all the way to the home now that their wireless ioint venture, Cingular Wireless, has completed a \$41 billion purchase of AT&T Wireless Services

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General Dynamics	1.44	18	103.32	+1.81	+14.3
General Electric	.80	22	33.95	+.32	+9.6
Haliburton	.50		36.72	+.99	+41.2
Harris Corp.	.48	28	60,60	+2.56	+59.7
Allied Signal	.75	20	33.34	+.39	3
L-3 Communications	.40	20	66.07	+1.71	+28.6
Lockheed Martin	1.00	20	54.91	+.53	+6.8
NorthrpG s	.92	20	51.75	+1.04	+8.3
Raytheon	.80	80	36.66	+.59	+22.0
Rockwell Intl.	.66	24	41.76	+.83	+17.3
Sequa Corp.		40	53.02	+1.96	+8.2
Texas Instruments	.10	24	23.77	+.88	-19.1
Textron Inc.	1.30	30	68.81	+.91	+20.6
United Technologies	1.40	17	92.90	+.30	-2.0



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Military rates	
Japanese yen (Oct. 29)	104.00
South Korean won (Oct. 28)	1.103.00
Furo (Oct 28)	\$1.3147
British pound (Oct. 28)	\$1.89
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.377
British pound	\$1,8297
Canada (Dollar)	1.2264
Denmark (Krone)	5.8039
Egypt (Pound)	6.2547
Furo	\$1.2709
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7769
Hungary (Forint)	193.80
Iceland (Krona)	69.505
Israel (Shekel)	4.4405
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Norway (Krone)	6.3605
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# ents and Sensibility

## College students in red

The warnings over the past few years about college students getting too deeply into credit-card debt might be sinking in. A study of about 310,000 credit-card accounts found little difference in the way students and older adults use credit cards.

About 88 percent of students' accounts were paid up compared with 92 percent of older adults and 88 percent of young adults not in school. The aver age college-age balance was \$552, compared with \$1,465 for voung adults and \$2,342 for

However, the percentage of delinquent accounts was higher among students (12 percent) than adults (8 percent)

The report is published in the November issue of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators' Journal of Student Financial Aid.

The study was conducted by Georgetown University Credit Research Center, with data from active accounts from 2000 to 2001. The work was a continuation of a Government Accountability Office study begun at the behest of members of Congress alarmed about students' abuse of credit cards.

# **Bush, Kerry race to win Midwestern states**

TOLEDO, Ohio - In a stinging exchange, President Bush criticized Democratic chal lenger John Kerry as "the wrong man for the wrong job at the wrong time" on Thursday while the Massachusetts senator accused his rival of constantly ducking responsibility for his own actions

For the fourth consecutive day, Kerry assailed Bush over the disclosure that nearly 400 tons of explosives were missing in Iraq, and said the Republican president's attempt to compare himself to John F. Kennedy was

"When the Bay of Pigs went sour, John Kennedy had the courage to look America in the eye and say, 'I take responsibility, it's my "Kerry said, referring to a bungled in vasion of Cuba in 1961. "John Kennedy knew how to take responsibility for the mistakes he made and Mr. President, it's long since time for you to start taking responsibili ty for the mistakes you made

The two men raced from one Midwestern state to another in the closing days of their close, contentious campaign for the White House. The polls, ubiquitous as they were, were of little use in forecasting the outcome of the election. Over and over, they made the race out to be a statistical tie, and battleground states too close to call.

Bush began his day in Saginaw, Mich. with an unstinting attack on Kerry. "A presi-dent cannot blow in the wind," he said of Kerry. "Senator Kerry has taken a lot of different positions, but he's rarely taken a stand," Bush said. "Consistency is not the senator's strong suit."

Kerry campaigned first in Ohio, arguably the key to victory next Tuesday. A Red Sox cap perched on his head, he recalled that last year when his campaign was struggling, a caller to a radio program said, "John Kerry won't be president until the Red Sox win the World Series."

"Well, we're on our way," he said to

Kerry's crowd was raucous, so noisy that at one point he said, "I hope George Bush can hear that — that is the rumble of change comin' at him."

Kerry has turned the issue of missing explosives into a major focus of his campaign

## Candidates congratulate baseball champs

TOLEDO, Ohio - Count Sen, John Kerry of Massachusetts among those Boston baseball fans who have waited a lifetime to see the Red Sox win the World Series. President Bush says he's excited,

Kerry, wearing a Red Sox cap as he bounded into a morning rally in Toledo, recalled someone phoning a radio show early in the campaign and saying, "John Kerry won't be president until the Red Sox win the World Series." He exclaimed, "Well, we're on our way

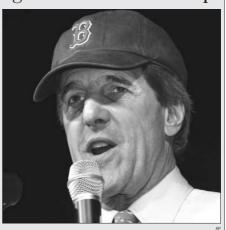
Not everybody felt that way. Boston pitcher Curt Schilling, interviewed on ABC's "Good Morning America." said. "Tell everybody to vote. And vote Bush next week." Bush congratulated the team's owner and president by phone and thanked Schilling for his support.

The president watched part of the final game Wednesday night as the Red Sox defeated the St. Louis Cardinals, completing a four-game sweep to win their first World Series title since 1918, said spokesman Scott McClellan. "This is a long time coming and he shares in their excitement at winning the World Series," McClellan

Kerry said, "I've been rooting for this day since I was a kid. ... This Red Sox team came back against all odds and showed America what heart is. In 2004, the Red Sox are America's team.'

this week, and his running mate joined in.

"They had a responsibility to secure this material," Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina said on NBC's "Today" on Thursday. "It was important for securing Iraq, it was important for the safety of our troops, it was important for keeping that material out of the



ocratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts wears a Boston Red Sox on Thursday as he speaks at a rally at the University of Toledo in Ohio.

hands of terrorists. And what we know is, they didn't do it.'

Bush sought to turn the controversy to his own advantage. He said his rival was showing a "complete disregard for the facts. Sena-

Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, said the troops in Iraq, not the president, bore the responsibility for searching for the explosives, and he said no one knows if any mistakes were made. tor Kerry will say anything to get elected."

"John Kerry wants to pretend we do know what happened," Giuliani told "Today." "We don't know what happened. The best possibility is that those explosives were even before the troops got there ... at least it's an equal possibility. John Kerry hasn't admitted that. Instead, John Kerry became an attack dog.

Bush was stumping in Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania, in the reverse order of a Pennsylvania-Ohio-Michigan swing Wednesday that was capped by an early evening crowd of close to 20,000 at the Pontiac, Mich., Silverdome, one of the best turnouts of his campaign. Kerry was focusing on Ohio and Wisconsin before swinging south to spend Friday in Florida.

Kerry was keeping up his drumbeat of

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criticism over the circumstances surrounding the explosives in Iraq.

"A political candidate who jumps to conclusions without knowing the facts is not a person you want as your commander in chief," Bush told supporters Wednesday. Kerry retorted on Thursday, "Mr. Presi-

dent, I agree with you." He then recited a list of times he said Bush had been guilty of

Polls suggest Bush and Kerry are running even not only in Iowa and Michigan, but in an improbable variety of other battleground states and nationally as well. Bush pressed hard for crossover votes.

"If you're a Democrat, and your dreams and goals are not found in the far left wing of the Democrat party, I'd be honored to have your vote," he said at several appearances. Vice President Dick Cheney said Wednes-

day night in Wisconsin that the terrorists and insurgents "know once those elections are held, they're out of business. They're said as much" in "communications that we've captured between Zarqawi and the bin Laden crowd."



President Bush speaks Thursday at a campaign rally at the Westlake Recreation Center, in Westlake, Ohio, as former Senator Bob Dole, left, and General Tommy Franks right, take in the scene.

# 'Too close to leave anything to chance'

## Campaign strategies go beyond battleground states

BY RON FOURNIER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The road to the White House is taking some strange and sharp turns as tightening polls and pressure from party stalwarts force the

presidential campaigns to adjust their strategies. In a flurry of homestretch activity, former President Clinton was giving satellite interviews to televi-sion stations in reliably Democratic Hawaii to shore up Sen. John Kerry's campaign Wednesday, and President Bush poured last-minute money into the Northeast to keep Democrats at bay in New Hampshire.

That's not all. Bowing to pressure from a former president and two senators, Democrats shifted resources to West Virginia and Arkansas despite doubts on Kerry's team about his ability to win them.

Democrats are adding money to Michigan, reflect-ing concerns that Kerry has failed to nail down the

must-win state.

And what's with the polls showing Arizona and New Jersey so close? "Both sides are playing every-New Jersey so close: Doin suces are playing every where they can, because it's a close race and because they can — money is no problem for either campaign so they're spreading it around," said Democratic consultant Dane Strother of Washington. "It's too close to leave anything to chance."

In a close race, presidential campaigns focus energy on states that could add up to the winning 270 Electoral College votes, a majority of the 538 available.

Winning a state, even by the smallest of margins, en-titles a candidate to all of that state's electoral votes except in Maine and Nebraska. Those states split their electoral votes, awarding two to the candidate who wins the popular vote across the state and one to the popular-vote-winner in each congressional district.

This campaign is no exception to past close races, with nine states getting the most attention and adver-

tising because polls show the candidates essentially tied in Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Minnesota, New Mexico, New Hampshire, Nevada and Wis-

A few others, including Bush-leaning Colorado and Kerry-leaning Michigan, are not quite tossups. But they're not quite forgotten, either

Hawaii backed Al Gore by nearly 20 percentage points in 2000 and only votes Republican in re-elec-tion landslides — Ronald Reagan in 1984 and Richard Nixon in 1972. Polls show Bush within striking distance of Kerry, forcing the Democratic National Committee to begin advertising on the islands Wednesday and prompting Clinton to arrange the in-

Bush increased his advertising budget in Maine this week after reducing it several days ago. The re-versal had nothing to do with Maine voters; the White House believes Kerry will win the state's four electoral votes unless Bush wins the popular vote by a wide margin.

It's about New Hampshire, strategists in both parties say. The two states share television markets and polls show Kerry threatening Bush's fragile grip on New Hampshire's four electoral votes.

Surveys also suggest the race is close in Arkansas, West Virginia and Missouri. The DNC is considering an 11th-hour advertising campaign in Missouri. Most of Kerry's team in the state left weeks ago.

As for Bush, his advisers sent a Republican events planner from Oregon to Ohio in recent days after concluding there won't be any events to plan in the

Democratic-leaning West Coast.

"Both sides are looking under every rock and in every corner for every potential electoral vote," said Republican consultant Joe Gaylord of Washington. "That will go on until Friday. And then it's all about Ohio and Florida."

## Rulings come fast, furious

Many states are facing legal challenges over possible voting problems Nov. 2. A look at some of the developments this week:

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#### Florida

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From The Associated Press

County District judge said the suit could go forward after the state issues final elec-

#### Michigan

A federal appeals court ruled that pro-onal ballots cast outside the precinclere a voter resides cannot be counted

## **New Jersey**

■ A judge ruled that voters will be able use electronic voting machines Nov. 2, jecting an effort to after the way 3 milor nesidents cast their ballots. The judge id the machines have a long record of jun reliable.

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  The U.S. Supreme Court declined to out Independent presidential candidate calch Nader on the hallot in Ohio.

#### Pennsylvania

 Two servicemembers serving in Iraq and Kuwait filed a federal lawsuit in Harrisburg seeking a 15-day extension for the return of overseas ballots. They contend the distribution of absentee and overseas ballots was delayed over a legal challenge to independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader's nominating petition.

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## Florida tells absentee voters that ballots are in the mail

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - With voters jamming phone lines saying they haven't received ab-sentee ballots in the mail, elections officials planned to mail out thousands of replacement ballots

As election workers and the U.S. Postal Service traded the blame Wednesday, Broward County elections supervisor Brenda Snipes moved to solve the problem with less than a week before the presidential election by sending duplicates to people who had not returned the original ballot. Attention focused on a batch of 58,000 Broward

ballots given to the Postal Service on Oct. 7-8 Though some voters have completed and returned ballots mailed those days, hundreds of others have called to complain their forms have not arrived.

"This isn't a blame game," Snipes told The Miami Herald

"What we're concentrating on is getting the ballots

to the voter." She was named to the job by Gov. Jeb Bush after the 2000 elections supervisor quit during the bitter presidential vote recount and her replacement was suspended for bungling.

Snipes estimated she would resend no more than 20,000 ballots, but about 76,000 ballots sent by her office have not been returned.

Overnight mail was to be used to send new ballots to voters living outside the county, such as college students.

Because of the volume of calls, Broward County commissioners assigned 40 new workers to phone duty at the election office and early voting sites, where voters have been routinely waiting in line up to two hours to reach touch-screen voting machines.

Tony Fransetta, president of the Florida Alliance

for Retired Americans, said the delays could put thousands of seniors' votes in jeopardy.

Many older Americans rely on absentee ballots because are disabled or unable to drive to the polls, he

Washington.



Mary Sullivan sits in her new home, where she is a live-in home care provider, in Bexley, Ohio. Sullivan was homeless when she registered

## to vote and her registration is now being challenged by Ohio Republi-

# Federal judge halts **GOP** challenges to voters in Ohio

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio - One voter picks up letters at the post office because trucks kept hitting his mailbox. Another serves in Iraq. Hundreds more are homeless, listing shelters as permanent

All are among the 35,000 whose eligibility has been challenged by the Ohio Republican Party. Since mail came back undelivered, the GOP says, those registrations could be fraudulent. Democrats say the GOP is trying to keep poor and minorities, who move more often, from voting,

A federal judge put a temporarily halt to the challenges Wednesday, ruling in favor of Democrats who said the GOP was targeting new voters registered by political groups supporting Sen. John Kerry, the Democratic challenger to President Bush IIS District Judge Susan Dlott ruled that six county elections hoards should stop hearings scheduled this week in Ohio, a hotly contested state.

In southwest Ohio, Republicans challenged the registration of Surjo Banerjee, a fact his brother found unusual. Banerjee, 40, is an Army sergeant who is now in Fallujah, Iraq.

Banerjee, also a veteran of the first Gulf War, uses his brother's house in Centerville as a permanent address even though he has lived around the world, said his brother, Dr. Partha Baneriee

Republicans withdrew all 2.319

BY ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS challenges in Montgomery County, including the one against Baneriee, after acknowledging several mistakes in its mailing

> In suburban Franklin County, the registration of Raven Shaffer was wrongly challenged because he gets mail at a post office box, according to the federal lawsuit filed Tuesday by Democrats. The "family's mailbox has been repeatedly hit by delivery trucks," the lawsuit said.

Also in Franklin County, 291 homeless people are being questioned out of the 2,370 total challenges, according to an analysis of the challenges by the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio. In Cuyahoga County, 757 people of the 17,717 total being challenged are homeless.

"We're very concerned that people that have chosen to participate in our democratic process, who took a big step in registering to vote and who were poised to go to the polls on Nov. 2, are going to be disenfranchised, and we may never get them back." said Bill Faith COHHIO executive direc-

Mary Sullivan, 57, looked for work for a year after losing her job as a receptionist and prescription filler for a local drug maker in August 2003. She was evicted from her apartment after her money ran out this past June and spent two months at Friends of the Homeless, a shelter on Columbus' east side, "My vote has to be counted," Sullivan said. "Just be cause you're homeless doesn't mean you're stupid."

## Early ballots gaining popularity

BY NANCY BENAC

WASHNGTON - Americans are casting early ballots in droves this year, and their reasons are as varied as their politics: Some can't wait to register their opinions. Some like the convenience

Some just want to be left alone. In New Jersey's Somerset Counelections administrator Janice Hoffman says she's seeing more people make the extra effort to personally walk their ballots in

"No dangling chads on mine!" a satisfied Barry Burke pronounced voting electronically this week in Little Rock, Ark

tions, Democrats and Republicans alike are tracking their halloting day by day and county by county, hoping to turn the early voting trend to their advantage

"There's a basic rule here: More is better," said Charlie Baker, captain of the Democrats' early vote operation. "We are seeing, in a number of states, significantly higher vote-by-mail and early voting numbers than historically has been the case and that has to be a good thing for the Democrats."

Republicans, for their part, claim their four-year-long early vote operation has been more effective at targeting sympathetic turn out on Election Day. "What you're often seeing with the Democrats is simply the substitution of an absentee or early vote for an Election Day vote," said Bush campaign manager Ken Mehlman.

With 32 states now offering me form of early voting, an AP-Ipsos poll taken last weekend found 11 percent of voters across the United States already had cast ballots, and another 11 percent intended to beat the Election Day rush as well. Early voting is partic-ularly popular in the West, with half or more of all votes likely to be cast early in states such as Colorado. Nevada. New Mexico and



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# Americans becoming taller, but fatter, too

BY LAURA MECKLER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Better nutrition has helped Americans grow a little taller. But it's been too much of a good thing: The na tion is also a whole lot fatter.

Adults are roughly an inch taller than they were in the early 1960s, on average, and nearly 25 pounds heavier, the government reported Wednesday.

The nation's expanding waistline has been well-documented, though Wednesday's report is the first to quantify it based on how many pounds the average person is carrying.

The reasons are no surprise: more fast food, more television and less walking around the neighborhood, to name a few. Earlier this year, researchers re ported that obesity fueled by poor diet and lack of activity threatens to overtake tobacco use as the leading preventable

In 1960-62, the average man

weighed 166.3 pounds. 1999-2002, the average weighed 166.3 pounds. By 1999-2002, the average had reached 191 pounds, according to the National Center for Health Statistics — part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - which issued the report Similarly, the report said, the average woman's weight rose from 140.2 pounds to 164.3 pounds.

The trends are the same for children, the report said: Aver-age 10-year-olds weighed about pounds more in 1999-2002 than they did 40 years ago. So exnect the next generation of adults to be even heavier than they are today, said Dr. Samuel Klein, director of the Center for Human Nutrition at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis

"All the kids who are obese now will become obese adults," Klein said. "What will happen with the next generation of adults is really scary.'

Obesity can increase the likelihood of diabetes, high blood pres-

sure, high cholesterol and other

health problems.

The report also documented an increase in weight when measured by body mass index, a scale that takes into account both height and weight. Average BMI for adults, ages 20 to 74, has increased from about 25 to 28 over the 40-year span. Anyone with a BMI of 25 and up is considered overweight, and those with BMIs of 30 or more are considered

At same time, though less dranatically, Americans are getting

a little bit taller Men's average height in-creased from 5 feet 8 inches in the early 1960s to 5 feet 9½ inches in 1999-2002. The average height of a woman, meanwhile, went from just over 5 feet 3 inch-

es to 5 feet 4 inches. The increases in height and weight are both fueled by the

searchers say.

About 2 in 3 adults in 1999-2002 were considered overweight.

## Study shows America's expanding waistline

American adults are nearly 25 pounds heavier and roughly an inch taller than they were in 1960, according to a new report from the National Center for Health Statistics.





'74 '80 '94 '02

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

A pedestrian looks at a makeshift memorial in front of the Astoria Market on Saturday in New York, where Manuel Chametla, an employ ee of the food store, was shot and killed Oct. 18 by a retired police officer. Authorities still haven't decided if the shooter — who insists the gun went off accidentally — should face criminal charges.

## Exchange at deli turns deadly

BY TOM HAYS

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - On a crisp fall night, John Malik and Manuel Chametla shared what should have been an unmemorable moment at the deli counter: a customer asking the clerk to cash a winning lottery

Instead, the clerk ended up dead, killed by a gun the customer always carried.

One witness says the blast was followed by Chametla asking, with his last breaths, "Why did he

shoot me?

No one can say for sure. More than a week after the killing in a Queens eighborhood Oct. 18, authorities still haven't decided if Malik, a 60-year-old retired police detective who insists the gun went off accidentally, should face criminal charges. A spokesman for prosecutors would say only that the shooting remains under in-

Malik's attorney, John Murphy Jr., has told reporters that his client was carrying the gun legally and didn't commit a crime. "It was a terrible accident,"

Chametla was only 18, a native of Mexico who had

come to this country about two years ago. Once he earned enough money, Chametla hoped to return to his homeland to make a home with his girlfriend and 3-year-old son, his father said.

Malik was a regular at the deli, where Noe Chamet

5' 4"

la had also worked. The father claimed the retired of-

Hall and also worked. The change the still carried a pistol.

He "liked to point his finger and say, 'I'm the police. I'm going to shoot you,'" Noe Chametla said. "I

didn't like that kind of game."

The father suspects Malik was flashing his gun when it discharged. But the retired officer, according to authorities, says he was reaching for his pager when he accidentally dropped his gun. As he fumbled to catch the weapon, it fired a sin-

gle bullet into Chametla's chest.

The only other witness, a 16-year-old clerk named The only Other winness, a 10-year-out ucts manner Felipe Santiago Villares, has given varying accounts. Right after the shooting, Villares told investigators he was in the back of the deli when a gunshot rang out. He saw Chametla fall to the floor and

eard Malik yell for someone to call 911.

In news reports, Villares was quoted as claiming Malik had jokingly threatened to shoot Chametla it he didn't serve him faster - a detail police say the witness left out of his initial version.

## Study: Sensitivity to bitter tastes linked to slimness

BY LINDA A. JOHNSON The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. - Could a sensitive palate be the key to a svelte figure? Maybe, say re-searchers at Rutgers University and elsewhere who have found people especially sensitive to bitter compounds in broccoli and other

foods tend to be thinner than others

A new Rutgers study, on nearly 50 wom in their 40s, found "super tasters," people most sensitive to bitter tastes, were 20 percent thinner than "nontasters," those not sensitive to bitter tastes

"People who are nontasters tend to like foods that are fattier, sweeter, hotter and more bitter," said Beverly Tepper, a professor of food science at Rutgers.

tend to eat more fatty foods," she said. "What we believe is that if nontasters pursue this kind of dietary pattern over time, that this would lead to higher body weight.

Super tasters instead appear to eat less food overall — be it high-fat foods or healthy, bitter vegetables, according to preliminary re-

Tepper's study, which awaits publication, found super tasters had an average body-mass index of 23.5. Medium tasters had an average of 26.6, and nontasters an average of nearly 30.

Body-mass index measures weight relative to height. A BMI of 25 and above is considered overweight; 30 and higher is obese.

Tepper's study is small, but it's her fourth with similar findings, including one involving

That research found the nontaster kids preferred full-fat to low-fat milk and ate more added fats such as butter and salad dressing than the other children.

New Jersey preschool children.

Tepper said the strongest association she's found has been in middle-aged women. She said about 50 percent of Americans are medium tasters and 25 percent each are super tasters or nontasters.

Those classifications are actually based on sensitivity to a chemical, known as PROP for short, that is very similar to compounds that make foods such as broccoli and brussels

sprouts taste bitter. Some scientists dispute the association between sensitivity to PROP and body size, but researchers at Yale University and University of Connecticut have produced results similar to Tepper's.

Laurie Lucchina, a former researcher and instructor at both schools who now does research for Gillette Co.'s oral care division, reneatedly tested taste and smell sensitivity of elderly women. "We found people who could taste PROP as more bitter were significantly thinner," she said.

She said super tasters generally perceive sweet, sour and salty tastes - not just bitter ones - more intensely than others.

Some researchers haven't found the link be tween PROP and body size, including Richard Mattes, professor of foods and nutrition at Purdue University in Indiana.

"I am a great skeptic of the role of PROP in food intake and body mass," he said, partly be-cause people sensitive to the chemical may not be turned off by bitter compounds in foods such as chocolate and coffee, where milk or other sweet flavors mask the taste.



Rutgers University food science graduate student Elizabeth White demonstates a taste test in the sensory evaluation lab in New Brunswick. N.J., on Wednesday.



The moon, seen in four different photographs, is partially covered by the Earth's shadow during Wednesday's lunar eclipse in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The four photographs were taken (from left) at 10:21 p.m., 10:30 p.m., 10:56 p.m. and 11:28 p.m., Buenos Aires time. The next such eclipse will be in March 2007.

# **Earthlings savor eclipse**

By SARAH BRUMFIELD The Associated Press

BALTIMORE - The Earth's last total lunar eclipse for nearly two and a half years didn't disap-

Baltimore resident Davis Sherman visited the Maryland Science Center with his 15-year-old son for the event, which began Wednesday about 9:15 p.m. EDT and was expected to last around three hours and 20 minutes.

"It's a spectacular show," Sher-

man said. Tony and Carline Cazeau of Co-

lumbia brought their two daughters Gabrielle 12 and Valerie 8 to the science center for the educational experience

"It looks like chocolate," Vale-

With the Earth passing directly between the sun and the moon, the only light hitting the full moon was from the planet's sunrises and sunsets, resulting in an orange and red hue. Visitors at the science center's Crosby Ramsey Memorial Observatory peeked at the moon through its telescope.

Jim O'Leary, senior director of technology, IMAX, at the Science Center's Davis Planetarium, said there are usually two or three lunar eclipses a year, but there won't be any in 2005 or 2006.

"This one is a particularly long one" he said

Outside the science center, Baltimore Astronomical Society President Darryl Mason projected the images from a powerful telescope

onto a screen for passers-by to see. He said he hopes the eclipse helps introduce more young neo-

According to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, total lunar eclipses give sci entists a chance to assess the qual-ity of Earth's atmosphere. Ash from volcanic eruptions, for example, can make an eclipsed moon look much darker. The recent eruptions of Mount St. Helens in Washington were not expected to affect the eclipse because they consisted of far more steam than ash

The last total lunar eclipse was May 4, but it wasn't visible from

North America, NASA said.

The next total eclipse of the moon will not be until March

## auctioning Hall of Famers' bats, baseball artifacts

BY CHRIS DUNCAN The Associated Press

a rummage sale.

tion of bats, balls, photos and other items will be up for bidding at a public auction at the museum Nov. 6. Many of the items were dredged from a warehouse and file cabinets in the basement of the Hillerich & Bradsby Co.'s downtown museum and factory, where the trademark bats are still manufactured.

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A handwritten letter by George H. "Babe" Ruth dollars. shown in this undated photo, is one is one of the items to still has a ring of be auctioned off Nov. 6 at the Louisville Slugger Museum in Kentucky. The letter, dated July 9, 1918, was sent to Frank Bradsby of the Louisville Slugger company

> the nails would strengthen the bat

serted at a shoe store in Ohio

Thorpe was stripped of the two

gold medals he won at the 1912 Olympics because he had signed a semi-pro contract before the games. He signed with the New York Giants in 1913 and played in the majors for six seasons. The bat dates to between 1917 and 1920

pe model was consigned to the auction from outside the muse-

The gem of the museum's contributions is a bat used by Cobb, circa 1911-15, with grease-pencil markings made on the side. The markings were not made by Cobb, but by Henry Morrow, Hillerich & Bradsby's receiving agent in Cobb's era

When a player returned a bat to the factory, Morrow wrote the date, the player's name and the city or team where the hat originated. Bushing said the markings increase the bat's value, which he guessed at between \$100,000 and

bat collecting is as good as a letter of authenticity," Bushing said.

## Dwarf woman's skeleton could alter history of human evolution

BY JOSEPH B. VERRENGIA The Associated Press

In an astonishing discovery that could rewrite the history of human evolution, scientists say they have found the skeleton of a new human species, a dwarf, marooned for eons in a tropical Lost World while modern man rapidly colonized the rest of the planet.

The finding on a remote Indon sian island has stunned anthropologists like no other in recent memory. It is a fundamentally new creature that bears more of a resemblance to fictional, barefooted hobbits than modern humans.

Yet biologically speaking, it may have been closely related to us and perhaps even shared its caves with our ancestors.

The 3-foot-tall adult female skeleton found in a cave is believed 18,000 years old. It smashes the long-cherished scientific belief that our species, Homo sapiens, systematically crowded out other upright-walking human cousins beginning 160,000 years ago and that we've had Earth to ourselves for tens of thousands of years.

Instead, it suggests recent evo lution was more complex than previously thought.

And it demonstrates that Africa. the acknowledged cradle of humanity, does not hold all the answers to persistent questions of how — and where - we came to be



Professor Richard Roberts points Thursday to an artist impression of a hobbit-like dwarf, a discovery that could rewrite the history of human evolution in Sydney, Australia. A 3-foot-tall adult female skeleton, found on a remote Indonesian island, is believed 18,000 years old.

"This finding really does rewrite our knowledge of human evolution," said Chris Stringer. who directs human origins studies at the Natural History Museum in London. "And to have them present less than 20,000 years ago is frankly astonishing.'

Scientists called the dwarf skeleton "the most extreme" figure to be included in the extended human family. Certainly, she is the shortest

She is the best example of a trove of fragmented bones that account for as many as seven of these primitive individuals that lived on the equatorial island of Flores, located east of Java and northwest of Australia. The mostly intact female skeleton was found in September 2003.

Scientists have named the extinct species Homo floresiensis, or Flores Man, and details appear in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

The specimens' ages range from 95,000 to 12,000 years old, meaning they lived until the threshold of recorded human history and perhaps crossed paths with the ancestors of today's is-

# Louisville Slugger Museum

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Louisville Slugger Museum is having

A Hall of Fame-caliber collec-

tally significant, said David Hunt president of Hunt Auctions, the firm selected by Louisville Slugger to organize the event. "It's not just the desirability of the items or the rarity, but for them to come straight from H&B's archives. that makes the collection almost un-

Marquee items

include Louisville

equaled."

Sluggers handled by "Shoeless" Jne Jackson, Ty Cobb, Jim Thorne and Babe Ruth, The collection also insigned by both Ruth and Lou Gehrig, a Cleveland Indians iersev worn by Satchel Paige and a letter handwritten by Ruth with six of his sig-

natures at the bottom. "There are things so unique in

this auction that have never been publicly sold," said David Bushing, a bat expert and authentica-

"It's going to be quite an event for collectors.

The proceeds from the auction will create a fund the museum will use to obtain other baseball artifacts, said Anne Jewell, the museum's executive director. The museum's wish list includes a complete set of bats from every slugger in the 500-home run club

"It just makes sense for us to trade things, like you do baseball cards." Jewell said. "In a trade, if there's something you're lacking, you look at what you've got that someone else might be interested in and that helps you acquire new

things "We look at our collection and we know there are some holes in it. We need to stay fresh and

vital "

The Jackson bat figures to be the auction's highlight. Cracked on the handle and worn on the barrel, the bat has Jackson's signature along the hitting area in bold ink. Bushing said the item will likely draw a price "deep in the six figures.' The bat was acquired from the

estate of Syd Smith, a Jackson teammate and close friend. Bushing said there's no proof Jackson actually used the hat but it is the only known one autographed by the enigmatic Jackson, who batted .356 from 1908 to 1920. Although acquitted by a jury on charges he helped fix the 1919 World Series, Jackson was banned from baseball in 1921 by commissioner Kenesaw Moun-

tain Landis and never made the Hall of Fame "I don't know if

said

heen

the Jackson bat is the star of the show, but it's definitely going to be in the top five, Bushing "The fact that it could've used by Joe Jackson adds to the mystique. If there was proof it was Jackson's game bat - one that he used in games - with his autograph on it, we'd be talking about millions of

> black handle tape, ball marks on the barrel and two cobbler's small nails hammered into the end. Thorpe believed

The Thorpe bat

and had them in-

Like the Jackson bat, the Thor-

"Side-writing in the world of

# Futureheads rock onto U.S. scene

By Susan Carpenter

Los Angeles Times

The working-class city of Sunderland, England, is home to 50 bars, two strip clubs and zero movie theaters or rock venues, placing it exactly nowhere in the minds of most Americans, or Brits for that mat-

But that's likely to change thanks to a quartet of young lads known as the Futureheads, a group whose "nasty and abrasive" music, as one of the members describes it, is among the most innovative and exciting in the growing post-post-punk scene.

Never heard of them? No worries. If the world is a just place, they should be everywhere soon enough. The Futureheads make some of the smartest, most fun avant-pop around.

Judging from reactions at the group's first LA. show at Space land last month, the Futureheads have nothing to worry about when it comes to finding an audience. First, the club was packed, even though the group's debut record had not washed up on American shores.

Scored, more than a few folks in Second, more than a few folks in Second, more than a few folks in Second and a few folks

"Relaxed" isn't the word that comes to mind when seeing the Futureheads perform. The group played with the wound-up intensity of a coiled spring, unleashing its manic energy through quick blasts of guitar that stopped on a dime and harmonized, cuckoo-clock vocals as each of the band's four members popped in and ducked out of songs for a word, phrase or

The group is young — made up of Millard, 22, and his "best mates" Jaff, 22 (bass), and brothers Barry and David Hyde, 23 and 19 (lead vocals/guitar and drums, respec-

tively).

Friends before they came together as a band in 2000, the group had met a couple of years earlier at the Sunderland City Detached Youth Project, a music program for at-risk youth in the down-and-out northeastern city that was once supported by coal mining and ship-building — industries that closed up shop long ago.

No one in the group fit the stereotypical profile of kids drinking on street corners or stealing cars; each was a musician with another band, simply taking advantage of the free practice space.

They got together as the Future-

They got together as the Futureheads after their respective groups had split un

After some early touring, the group got back home and vrote and recorded their first four-song singles, including two songs that also appeared on their album debut "Robot" and "Stupid and Shallow" are among the record's standouts — their fast-paced, stancato harmonies and asymmetrical rhythms defining the group's sound, which teeters on the edge of art rock but ultimately is pop.

The Futureheads just wrapped their first North American tour, opening for Scottish faves Franz Ferdinand. They'll play the Troubadour in Hollywood on Nov. 20 as part of their first U.S. headline

In the meantime, they're just relaxing in Sunderland, where they plan to stay, even though shops close at 4 and, David says, "There's absolutely nothing to do but go out and eat and dripk."



The Futureheads are a British band in the vintage art-punk vein. Their debut record was released in the States on Oct. 26. Left to right in rear: Jeff Jaff, Barry Hyde, and Dave Hyde. In front is Ross Millard.



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## Horoscope

Lucky Jupiter and dreamy Neptune are featured, and the question that arises is: What is good luck anyway? The answer is, it's really

too soon to tell. An event that appears on the surface to be negative or neutral winds up being a blessing two or three moves into the game

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 30). You've got so much to give that loved ones flock to you! In the coming year, your life will be centered on home and family. Some of you will move into a new house in April. Others will remodel redecorate or repair. Get ready to do lots of entertaining, especially dinner parties. A mother figure in your life

will require more of your attention. ARIES (March 21-April 19). Stop talking, and start doing. The opportunity of a lifetime could be within your grasp, but you're never going to know for sure unless you

give it your best shot. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Get ready for winter - there's much to do before the next frost. Speaking of frost, a certain someone in your life who's been giving you the cold shoulder will now be more receptive to your warm and friendly vibe

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There will be a few more bumps in the road before things get better. But

it absolutely will get better, and soon. Use this time to really think about what you want to accomplish out of life CANCER (June 22-July 22).

You can be a master manipulator

when you really want to be. In fact, it comes so naturally to you that some times you don't even know you're doing it! Today, pay careful attention to what you say and how you say it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You could become disillusioned with a situation, but this is merely a sign

To our readers

that you had fantastically high hopes at one time. Maybe it's too early to give those up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Everything you do today, you do for the love of it. Because you have no

other agenda, you're extraordinarily lucky in your pursuits.

Joyce Jillson

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's easy to get so caught up in being busy that you're taking part in activities that do absolutely nothing to feed your soul. Meanwhile, your talents are so underused, you've forgotten that you posses them

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're invigorated. Is it the idea

that you could have more out of life that pushes you to strive or is it the sheer act of striving that makes you feel vital? Either way, you're in an expansive mood.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There is a delicate balance at work in relationships, and you're in just the mood to upset that balance.

Why? For the sake of change, adventure and mischief. Be careful CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Events set you in motion, or is it the other way around? It's hard to say whether you are reacting to the world or it is reacting to you, but the one thing you know for sure is that you've got incredible momentum

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Finally, things slow down to a pace you can handle - or, better, savor Precious moments with loved ones

make you realize how lucky you are People compete for your favor. Deal equally with everyone, and you'll be PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

It's frustrating if you don't have the time to do what you love. But don't wait until you've got large blocks of hours to devote to your passion. Steal the moments you do have. You'll be amazed what 20 minutes can bring.

Bailey Beetle

Rover and

or Worse Better (

For the past decade, this column has been written by Joyce Jillson and Holiday Mathis. Ms. Jillson passed away on Oct. 1. Because Ms. Jillson and Ms. Mathis wrote in advance, columns they prepared will run through Nov. 6. Beginning Nov. 7, the horoscopes will be renamed "Horoscopes by Holiday" and will be authored by Ms. Mathis.

## **Peanuts**











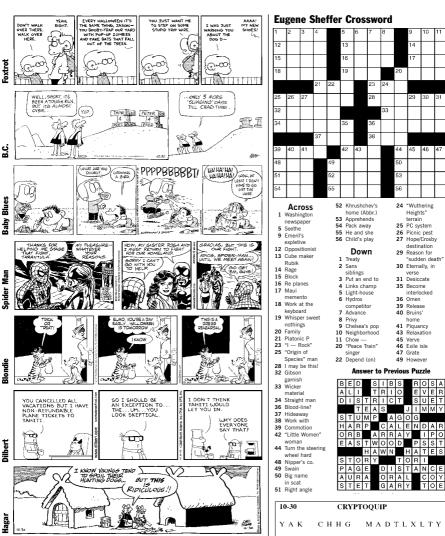












WE'RE SPEAKING TODAY WITH AN ACTUAL VAMPIRE GOOP MORNING, SIR THANK YO-.MORNING? MORNING?!!

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU FULLY
SUPPORT CHOCOLATE CANDY, I SUPPOSE YOU
COULD SAY YOU'RE BEHIND BARS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals O

## Mourning, party tough to balance

Dear Abby: My 56-year-old mother passed away suddenly six months ago. It happened two days before my daughter's fifth birthday. I didn't know what to do when Mom died - cancel or let my daughter have the party Mom and I had planned. Well, I opted to go on Dear Abby

with the celebration. My dad just couldn't face it. He left the house. I know in my heart that Mom would not have wanted us to cancel her granddaughter's party. I loved my mom dearly and would never have done anything disrespectful to her memory. I miss her very much. She was my best friend, and it's hard going through life without her

Did I do the right thing?

- Missing My Mom in Maine

Dear Missing: You did the right thing in going ahead with the party. I see no reason why a child of 5 should be forced to

death and mourning if it's avoid-

Dear Abby: I am a concerned parent. My children attend a school that has a very tight bud-

get. The school system here cannot afford to hire teacher's aides, so I help out as much as I

can Abby, it's crucial for parents to volunteer as much of their time as they can to help teachers. Even one hour a month would be help-

I know several mothers who trade baby-sitting so they have free

time to go to the gym or shop, but they never give a thought to volunteering at the school, I swap baby-sitting duties with a friend so I can do those things, too, but we also make the time to help our children's teachers.

Our children and their educa-

tion should be our No. 1 priority Would you please help me encourage parents everywhere to volunteer their time at schools? Thank you.

- Volunteer Mom in Princeton, Minn.

Dear Mom: Many schools are in crisis because of budget con-straints and could use a helping hand from parents.

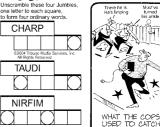
Volunteering in schools not only allows the teachers to dedicate more time to teaching, but it also sets a good example for the children. Children of parents who are concerned about, and immediately involved in, their education earn better grades. Everyone benefits.

I know from personal experience how rewarding volunteering can be. Every time I have volunteered, I got more than I

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. Print answer here:

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THE FENCE.

A teen's room is often in this shape --

Yesterday's

Answer SOLIARE

## Temperamental grandson a worry

Dear Annie: I have a Annie's Mailbox 6-year-old grandson, "Liam." His parents have been divorced for three vears, and Liam is in therapy to help him deal with this. Liam is very rude to

me. When I picked him up for a recent outing, he behaved terribly and said he wanted to stay home and play with his mother. His parents don't believe in spanking, or any kind of discipline, as far as I can determine. The boy was allowed to continue this behavior, and not

finally left. It hurts to be treated this way. Also, I recently remarried. While most children love my husband, Liam tells his parents he's "un-comfortable" around him. There is no basis for this except that my husband once told Liam he needed to respond when spoken

once was he told to apologize. I

I love Liam dearly, but he has never been an affectionate boy. He doesn't give hugs or ever say "I love you." Should I continue to



see Liam? Whatever I decide it's going to be very painful for me.

Forlorn Grandma Dear Grandma: Liam is only 6, and his parents are divorced This child has enough to deal with. Liam's behavior is perfectly understandable, especially since you were under tremendous stress for several years

and could not create a closer bond. And now that you have remarried, your situation feels somewhat strange for the

Yes, Liam should be taught to behave more politely, but don't blame him for what his parents neglect to do.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Wife and Stepmom." Although she had some wonderful ideas, such as a family night, I disagree with a few of her rules namely that parents should disci pline only their own children and

that finances should be kept

separate. In a real family, both parents discipline the kids, and decisions about discipline and finances work better when they

are made together. However, one important rule "Stepmom" did have is never to say a bad word about the spouse's ex in front of the kids Our kids are grown now and tell us that they respect our opinions more because we never tried to make them take sides.

- Experienced Stepmom in Connecticut

Dear Stepmom: Many readers wrote to say that stepparents should be allowed to discipline each other's children, and that finances should be shared. We think those are decisions each family makes on its own.

What works for one family may not work for another. But we appreciate your knowledge able input.

Annie's Mailhox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers Column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox/@comeast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Synd cate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

## Family Circus



"I'm Old Father Time. I'm here tonight to set your clocks back, except in Arizona, parts of Indiana, and ...

## GRAFF!





MR. WILSON HOW COME YOUR JACK-O'-LANTERNS DON'T HAVE ANY FACES



There's one of 'em! ... And I think there're at I



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#### Not-so-public access

INDIANAPOLIS -Government officials routinely broke or skirted Indiana's open records law, which makes public records available to anyone, a review eight newspapers found

Reporters presenting themselves as citizens visited government offices in all 92 counties to see how readily officials

turned over such records Results were better than a similar audit seven years ago, and some journalists obtained public records easily. But others were intimidated, questioned repeatedly, put off for days or mistakenly told they needed a court order or subnoena

Rush County Sheriff Jim Owens threatened to jail a reporter if he continued to "intimidate my staff." the review found

Reporters and editors in August tried to obtain 368 public records from crime logs and reports, public employee salaries and court files of sex offenders. Only 11 counties granted all four documents within 24 hours.

## Who's in charge?

DC WASHINGTON - More than three years after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, local officials in the nation's capital do not know what might lead the federal government to take control of public safety efforts in a future emergency.

"It's been unclear since 9/11 and we've been talking about it since then," District of Columbia Mayor Anthony A. Williams said.

Williams was among officials who testified at a D.C. Council Judiciary Committee hearing into command and other jurisdictional issues stemming from the district's huge federal presence.

With more than 1 250 federal office buildings and 175 foreign diplomatic missions located in the district and its nearby suburbs, several local jurisdictions could have their response plans subordinated to federal control

"There has got to be a level of understanding about who's in charge," Richard said Ben-Veniste, a former member of the 9/11 Commission

The panel, established by Congress and named by President Bush, was charged with examining the terrorist attacks and making recommendations to Congress.

#### Return of Ms. Subways

NEW YORK — Miss, er, Ms. Subways rides again.

For the first time in 28 years, New York City's 220-mile underground rail network has a human face that of Camline Sanchez-Bernat. The 29-year-old actress edged out three other contenders for the title of Ms. Subways, a promotion revived for the transit system's centennial celebration this week

Sanchez-Bernat was crowned Ms., er. Miss America-style with a tiara and sash at Ellen's Stardust Diner, owned by Ellen Hart Strum, a 1959 Miss Subways.

The new winner's photo will be posted in the subway, just as were those of the 300-plus women who

## **AMERICAN** ROUNDUP

held the title between 1941 and

#### Chemical weapons charge

JACKSON — A man who authorities say hated the federal government was charged with attempting to acquire chemical weapons, explosives and weapons of mass destruction with the intent to attack official buildings.

Demetrius "Van" Crocker, 39, was characterized by U.S. Attorney Terrell Harris as having "hatred for the government, and anti-Semitic and racist views. Crocker is accused of attempting to obtain sarin nerve gas and C-4 explosives, according to a federal complaint filed.

Crocker was arrested Monday after an undercover federal agent met him to deliver fake explosives and what Crocker believed were ingredients for sarin, considered one of the world's deadliest chemical

#### New deer hunting gum

WI DEERBROOK — A deer hunter in Wisconsin is marketing a new type of chewing gum he claims can mask human-smelling breath and help hunters move closer to their prey.

Neil Bretl says his Gum-o-Flage



## Hanging on Ripe tomatoes are seen in a field in

Camarillo, Calif. The winterlike storm that drenched California fields last week hurt the tomato harvest and contributed to a more ing national shortage that has doubled prices at many stores.

helps fool the animals' hypersensitive noses to human scent.

Hunters already can use special soap, shamnon and clothing detergent to eliminate human smell. Some even pay \$300 for scent-control coveralls. Now, for \$4.99, hunters can 12 olive green, Chiclet-style tablets in a blister pack.

The idea came seven years ago when Bretl, a gun hunter since boyhood, began going after deer with a bow and arrow. That meant hunting at closer range, and Bretl took precautions to eliminate his human odor, including wearing carbon-lined clothing that was kept sealed in plastic bins with pine boughs.

Deer still picked up his scent. He turned to his brother and then-dental student Nicholas, who suggested the problem might be his breath.

## Murder-suicide probed

LOWELL - A Dracut hus-MA LOWELL - A Dame of the band allegedly shot and killed a man and seriously wounded his estranged wife before he committed suicide, investigators

Barry Strykowski, 48, apparently went to the Lowell home of his estranged wife, Diana Strykowski, shot her once, and shot her companion, Jaroslab Stepancik, several times, according to the Middlesex district attorney's office.

Investigators are treating the incident as a murder-suicide.

Strykowski was pronounced dead at the scene. He had a gunshot wound to the head.

Diana Strykowski, 44, was being treated at Boston Medical Center. She is expected to survive authorities said

Stepancik, 51, was pronounced dead at Saints Memorial Medical Center in Lowell shortly after police arrived at the home, responding to a report of a possible fight.

#### Drive for five to vote

Southwest Voter Registration Project has cooked up a good idea to drive young Hispanic and American Indian voters to the polls this Election Day Get five people to vote, win a

ALBUOUEROUE - The

shot at a car "We're not rewarding voters,

we're rewarding volunteers who get voters to the polls with a chance to win. So far, it seems to be getting attention," Southwest Voter president Antonio Gonzalez said of the "Take 5 and Drive" giveaway.

The contest - sponsored by Southwest Voter in New Mexico. Arizona, Colorado and Nevada gives volunteers who take five friends or family members to the polls a chance to win a 2005 Ford Mustang.

An estimated 20,000 brochures in New Mexico were sent out advertising the giveaway, and the contest Web site already had more than 20 000 hits

Gonzalez said the names of voters submitted in the contest will be confirmed after the election by checking voter logs and making phone calls. Both political parties aren't complaining.



Moon over Massachusetts Mount Holyoke in Hadley, Mass.

The moon rises above the Summit House aton



Frozen jack-o'-lantern Some Halloween decorations in Truckee, Calif., are shown with a coating of snow. A powerful Alaskan storm swept across California this week, flooding homes in San Francisco, cutting power to thousands and leading to a record-breaking snowfall in the Sierra.



The orange leaves of a maple tree stand out Fall foliage

against the white clapboard steeple of a church in East Bridgewater,



The USS Constellation shoots confetti as it departs the Baltimore harbor Overdue visit for a visit to the U.S. Naval Academy. The historic voyage marks the first time the USS Constellation has traveled beyond the Key Bridge since arriving in Baltimore in 1955 and her first return to the Naval Academy in more than 110 years.



Bristol firefighters battle a house fire at 48 Oakland Hose down Street in Bristol, Conn.



Stylish pups Cody, a terrier, left, and Casey, a shitzu, model outfits by E&E Hallstrom Haute Couture, a high-end clothing company for dogs in Harts-

dale N.Y.



Pacific Gas & Electric workers spend time working on the power lines in Bakersfield, Calif., as the clouds started to move in before a rain storm hit.

## Actor arrested in beating

NY SOUTHAMPTON — An actor playing a stressed-out soldier in a local stage production was arrested after he punched his leading lady in the face and then beat up the director backstage just before a scheduled performance, police said.

Witnesses told police that Brian Raber, 27, appeared to be playing his character when he began to hit the 17-year-old actress, who was hospitalized in serious but stable condition.

Raber was ordered held on \$100,000 bail at his arraignment on two counts of assault in the attacks at the theater on Long Island. He has pleaded not guilty.

Witnesses told police that Raber, who had starred for several weeks in "Home Front," about a soldier coming home from war, punched Bianca Massi for no apparent reason at the Historical Society Playhouse

Police said the director. Toni Munna, 51, was beaten when she stepped in to help Massi, who suffered a fractured cheek and eye socket Munna was treated for facial bruises

## **Catholic Charities CEO**

MINNEAPOLIS — Catho-lic Charities USA named the Rev. Larry Snyder, executive director of Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, as the national organization's next president and chief executive officer.

"I feel extremely gratified to have been tapped for this position. especially for such an accom-plished and highly esteemed organization," Snyder said in statement. Snyder will start the new job Feb 1

Snyder will replace the Rev. J. Bryan Hehir, who served as president of the group from September 2001 until December 2003, when he returned to Boston for a job in the archdiocese there.

Catholic Charities USA, based in Alexandria, Va., is a national network of more than 1,400 Catholic Charities agencies

#### Train derails

MI DETROIT — A train carry-ing a flammable liquid derailed in a residential neighborhood, and hundreds of people were evacuated along with three schools, officials said. There were no reports of injuries or illness.

Nine of the CN freight train's cars left the tracks and some overturned, authorities said.

Four of the nine derailed tank cars contained methanol which is used as an antifreeze and is flammable. Some liquid reportedly leaked from the train, but fire offi cials described the leak as mini-

CN spokeswoman Gloria Combe said the leak was quickly contained. The cause had not been de-

About 1,500 students were evacuated from three schools. By late Monday, all evacuated residents were allowed back in their homes. Combe said.

#### Students succeeding

SC WEST COLUMBIA high school sophomores passed the South Carolina's new and more rigorous exit exam on their first

Education Superintendent Inez Tenenbaum announced the results for 47 338 students who took the tests this past spring, measuring skills in English, reading and math. The old exam was based on an eighth-grade level of education.

#### Bat study funded

TN KNOXVILLE — The University of Tennessee has received nearly \$4 million to study

The National Science Foundation grant will enable scientists to conduct two studies, one on the benefits bats have on agriculture and the other on rabies in bats in the wild

#### Seal deaths puzzling

ME PORTLAND — Scientists investigating high mortality rates of seals say no fast answer has emerged.

Reports of stranded seals have slowed to normal rates in recent weeks, but researchers continue to search for clues about what hapnened to the harbor seals last summer in Maine

"We're peeling the onion, but we're still finding more layers,' said Greg Early, a Massachusetts researcher and one of the leaders of the federal team investigating Maine's seal deaths.

The mystery began in July with a surge of calls to the Northeast Marine Animal Lifeline The Westbrook-based network rescues sick or injured seals, tests and examines them and nurses the animals back to health. The calls continued at an unprecedented pace through August, says Greg Jakush, founder of the lifeline.

"We're at case 766 right now for the year," Jakush said, "Our average is 350 to 375 per year."

#### Electronics recycle, too

DC WASHINGTON — The city's public works department staged a semiannual electronics recycling event in Rock Creek Park

Residents of the district, northern Virginia and suburban Marvland brought obsolete computers, televisions and stereo equipment. The event was aimed at preventing the items from being discarded with regular solid waste and sent to landfills.

#### Plans for city park

NY NEW YORK — Union Square Park, which has undergone a series of renovations recently after suffering years of neglect, will undergo more improve-ments starting next autumn. New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

The \$14 million redesign, which will focus on the north side of the 165-year-old park, will expand the park's two existing playgrounds into a single playground; introduce a year-round restaurant to replace a seasonal outdoor restaurant; and refurbish the plaza that holds the Union Square farmer's market.

The farmers market will remain open during construction.

The project will be the final phase of the reconstruction of the park. The southern portion of the park was rebuilt in 1986, and the southwest portion was renovated in 2002.

Still on the line

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#### Increase benefits for reserves

I've seen a few articles and letters to the editor about the differences between active-duty and reserve component soldiers. When I enlisted in the military, I had no desire to be a member of the active-duty force. My spouse had a stable job, we had a large family and owned our own home. So, joining the National Guard gave me the opportunity to serve my state and my country part time in the military, while knowing th ere was always the possibility of being called to active

duty if additional forces were needed.

I am proud to be doing that right now. Hundreds of thousands of reserve component soldiers have been called to active duty, since Sept. 11, 2001. Many of us are serving in a combat zone for 12 months,

along with the active-duty soldiers. But if nothing changes to decrease our deployment lengths, increase benefits to meet those or active-duty soldiers (for example, college benefits), treatment of injured soldiers (near their homes, with pay), etc., the military will lose a large number of soldiers

from the reserve component. Be thankful that people like us are ready and willing to be called on when we are needed. But if you want us to do what the active-duty soldiers do, you should give us what the active-duty soldier gets. I don't

think that's asking too much. Sgt. Christy Noe Camp Anaconda, Iraq

#### All fighters deserve praise

I would like to comment on remarks made by Secretary of State Colin Powell re garding the unfortunate death of Edward Seitz in the Oct. 26 article "Baghdad rocket attack kills U.S. diplomat."

Where do we draw the line of who is important to the American people and who is not? Soldiers die every day here in Iraq, but nothing is ever mentioned of the statements of condolences their families have received. Powell commented that "Ed was a brave American, dedicated to his country and to a brighter future for the people of Iraq appalled by his flagrant disregard for the rest of the soldiers fighting for America, especially since Powell was a general in the U.S. Army

I would like to commend all the service members in the military, the Department of

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the Army and Department of Defense civil-ians, as well as soldiers from other supporting countries. Your work and efforts are not in vain. We are all here, and are all dedicated to a brighter future for Iraq.

I would also like to offer my condolences to all the families of the soldiers and volunteers who have lost their lives, fighting for what they believe.

Snc. Jared A. Scott South Victory Base, Iraq

## Another point for shorter tours

I totally agree with the writer of the Oct. 23 letter "Shorter tours good idea." He made some very good, valid points. But I would like to add other points.

In a yearlong deployment, your are going to normally be deployed for more then a year. For active-duty soldiers, this is just a different duty station. But for Reserve and National Guar rd soldiers, this is taking them away from a life of being a civilian Ves they have an obligation to the military, but also they have an obligation to another employer, a civilian employer. A long deployment is asking a lot of these

employers, even though they understand

and support that their citizen-soldier must do this. It still can be a large burden on them. And even though the law states that the citizen-soldier must get his job back when he returns from active duty, there are still loopholes that might prevent it from happening.

So, for the benefit of all, I say yes to shorter tours. Staff Sgt. Craig Herbert

Camp Beurhing, Kuwait

#### Touched by an angel

Recently as I was flying to Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii en route back to Afghanistan after two weeks of well-deserved rest and recuperation, I was touched on my right arm. Sitting directly behind and across from me in seat 27C was the young woman who had touched me on my arm, just below the American flag sewn onto my desert camouflage uniform. She leaned over and said, "Thank you for what you are doing." I turned, and thanked

her for her support Then she said that her husband was de-ployed to Afghanistan, and I replied that is

where I was going. I asked her husband's name and the unit to which he was assigned in Afghanistan She said that her husband was killed in Af-

ghanistan. She said that she had just cleared government quarters and was returning home to Texas to be with family. I told her that I was very sorry for her loss. I added that the hearts and prayers of all of those in the armed services who wear the uniform go out to her and her family. She thanked

Sitting beside her was her young son, Justin Robert — who could be no more than 7 years old. Again I said, "I'm sorry for your loss, thank you for your support.

Sometimes we forget or take for granted the spirit and the impact of this uniform on those innocent victims who no longer have their loved ones to tell them, "Thank you for your support." Let us not forget that, as the torch carriers of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, that we are forever indebted to them

That day, I was reminded when the widow of a fallen comrade touched me. What an angel.

1st Sgt. John A. Gorv Kandahar, Afghanistan

#### BY GARRY TRUDEAU

## Doonesbury



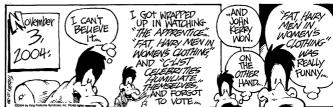






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#### By BRUCE TINSLEY



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A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons



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Afternoon 12:00 Enjoy Life: Kitchen 12:20 Enjoy Life: Animals

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12:00 TV Series: Friends the Final
12:30 TV Series: Sex and the City
4:55 Spanish Soccer Liga Española

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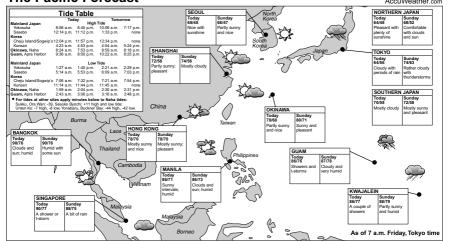
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Evening 7:00 NHK News

1:10 Taiwanese Movie (1987): Daughter of the Nile (1:34)

## The Pacific Forecast

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#### **Extended Forecasts**

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Beijing

Monday: Rain high 72, low 61. Tuesday: Showers, bigh 70 low 60

#### KADENA

Monday: Partly sunny, high 80, low 71. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine. high 79, low 70.

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## Thursday's USA Temperatures

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Albuquerque	69/43	Los Angeles	66/50
Amarillo	81/53	Little Rock	83/66
Anchorage	42/31	Louisville	72/63
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Saturday, October 30

#### U.S. Extended Forecast

A storm system will bring rain to the northern Great Lakes region on Saturday with showers extending back into the Upper Midwest. Rain will push into New England as the day progresses. Along the associated warm front, showers will form over the mid-Atlantic area. In addition, the storm's cold front will trigger showers and thunderstorms from Michigan into Texas. Ahead of the cold front warm air from the South will be drawn into the mid-Atlantic region. Plenty of sun will shine over the Southwest and central Plains. A cold front pushing through the Northwest will cause showers and mountain snow to fall. This system will move southward through the Rockies on Sunday.

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Saturday's Pacific Temperatures									
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	32/75	Manila	86/71	Singapore	90/77	Barbados	90/70
	36/76	Misawa AB	62/44	Sydney	70/54	Barcelona	60/47
	33/70	Osan	68/50	Taegu	71/51	Berlin	55/43
	78/70	Perth	69/48	Taipei	78/64	Bermuda	71/63
	37/74	Pusan	70/55	Tokyo	64/56	Brussels	52/42

## Saturday's World Temperatures

63/50

77/59 87/62

84/72

74/60

55/45

75/62

75/55

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Kabul	71/37	Nairobi	81/54
Ciev	62/53	New Delhi	84/55
Kuwait	92/64	Oslo	41/33
ondon	54/43	Paris	52/40
Madrid	51/36	Rio de Janeir	o 75/65
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## **BCS** to field offers from other networks

NEW YORK - The Bowl Championship Series could have a new television home for the 2006 season.

ABC has had the broadcast rights to the BCS since 1998, when the system for crowning a college football champion was formed by the Big East, Big 12, Big Ten, Southeastern Conference. Atlantic Coast Conference and Pac-10.

The current contract runs out after the 2005 season

ABC and the BCS have been negotiating a new contract since September, but have been unable to a get deal done. When the exclusive negotiation period ends next week, BCS officials will open the bidding to other networks.

"We're looking at quite a number of alternatives next week, and there's a good level of interest,' Kevin O'Malley, television and marketing consultant to the BCS, said Wednesday.

Talks between the BCS and ABC are still alive, though.

"They still want to be very much in the mix," O'Malley said. "We want to have them in the

BCS coordinator and Big 12 Commissioner Kevin Weiberg said, "All of our options remain open to us, including reaching an agreement with ABC."

O'Malley and Weiberg de-clined to identify the other networks interested in acquiring the

> Spurrier return hardly done deal at Florida

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - All the trophies Steve Spurrier brought to Florida still line the hallways inside Ben Hill Griffin Stadium Six Southeastern Conference

championships, two Heismans and a national title.

Spurrier's legacy remains and it always will.

He gave the program its first Heisman Trophy in 1966, its first SEC title in 1991 and its only national championship in 1996. He coached the Gators to 122 victories over 12 seasons, tormented opponents with his offensive flair and witty one-liners, and left town with the best winning percentage in league history. So if Spurrier wants to coach at

Florida again, is there anything that would prevent his return? Maybe

'Everybody thinks it's a done deal. It's not a done deal. It's not a slam dunk," said Tommy Donahoo, president of Gators Boosters Inc., which raises money for the school's athletic programs

"Spurrier can't just ask for the iob and get it. There's certainly a contingency out there that wants him back, but there also are people upset with some of the things he did before.

For everything Spurrier would seemingly return to Gainesville — credibility, victories and cham-pionships — he also brings some

Many fans are still upset over the way Spurrier left Florida. He called athletic director Jeremy Foley from his beach house and

football briefs

news in the recruiting sea-His recruit-

ing dropped the last few years -he admitted he left the "cupboard somewhat bare" - and he wanted to limit the number of stops he made on the annual tour of "Gator Clubs."

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Speculation about his return has even prompted concerns about his age (is 59 older than ideal?) and his motivation (will be leave again for the NFL?).

Would players, fans, boosters, Foley and school president Bernie Machen be willing to trade potential problems for the chance to restore the Gators to the national elite? Would they be silly not to? 'It was hard for coach Zook to replace "The Legend," center Mike Degory said. "And if 'The Leg-end' wants to come back, it's going to answer a lot of ques-

There's also Spurrier's relationship with school administrators to consider, and his lack of one with Machen

As for Spurrier and Foley, the AD says the relationship hasn't soured.

"Steve Spurrier and I were friends before he was the head football coach at the University of Florida, we're friends today and we'll be friends forever," Foley said. "Did we always see eye to eye and stuff? No, but our friendship has never been better

#### Hawaii's Owens a semifinalist for Biletnikoff Award

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Hawaii's Chad Owens, Oklahoma's Mark Clayton and three players from the Big Ten topped a list of semifinalists announced Thurs-day for the Biletnikoff Award, symbolic of college football's best receiver

The Big Ten players are Michigan's Braylon Edwards, Ohio State's Santonio Holmes and Purdue's Taylor Stubblefield, The other candidates for the honor, named after Oakland Raider and Florida State great Fred Biletnikoff, include David Anderson, Colorado State; Derek Hagan, Arizoorado State; Derek Hagan, Arizo-na State; Chris Henry, West Vir-ginia; Earvin Johnson, UNLV; Dante Ridgeway, Ball State and South Carolina's Troy William-

Ridgeway's 63 catches for 831 yards are the best numbers among the candidates heading into this weekend's games, while Stubblefield's 11 touchdown catches leads in that category. Three finalists will be unveiled

Nov. 15 and the winner will be announced in December during the annual ESPN awards show at Walt Disney World and feted Feb-ruary in a banquet at Tallahassee.

A panel of writers and broadcasters and a handful of former receivers including Riletnikoff make up the panel selected by the Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation, which sponsors the

Pittsburgh's Larry Fitzgerald, now a rookie with the NFL's Arizona Cardinals, won the 2003 第3種郵便物認可

## AFN-TV & Radio

#### Saturday

AFN-Sports, 8:30 a.m.—NBA preseason: Detroit vs. Minnesota.
AFN-Pacific/Korea, 9 a.m.—College football: Hawaii at Boise State.
AFN-Sports, 11:30 a.m.—NBA preseason: Phoenix at Sacramento. Phoenix at Sacramento.

AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—College football: Ha-wall at Boise State (dld).

AFN-Sports, 11:30 p.m.—College football: ESPN College GameDay.

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AFN-Sports, 8:45 a.m.—College football: uburn at Mississippi. AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—Auto racing: NASCAR Busch Grand National Aaron's 312 (dld). AFN-Sports, 7 p.m.—College football: ESPN ollege GameDay final (dld).

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#### NFL injury report

NEW YORK (AP) - The National Football League injury report, as provided by the

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## Stockholm Open

Thursday At Kungl. Tennishallen Stockholm, Sweden Purse: \$816,600 (Intl. Series) Surface: Hard-Indoor Singles Second Round

Fernando Verdasco (8), Spain, def. Rae mon Sluiter, Netherlands, 6-4, 6-2.

# Michael Ryderstedt, Sweden, def. Feli-ciano Lopez (5), Spain, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-3. Tommy Haas (6), Germany, def. Kenneth Joachim Johansson (2), Sweden, def. Joachim Johansson (2), Sweden, def. Jan-Michael Gambill, United States, 6-4, 6-4, Andre Agassi (1), United States, def. Jonas Bjorkman, Sweden, 6-3, 6-4

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## St. Petersburg Open

# At Petersburgsky SCC St. Petersburg, Russia Purse: \$1 million (Intl. Series) Surface: Carpet-Indoor Singles

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Second Round
Marat Salin (1), Russia, def. Sargis Sargsian, Armenia. 6-4, 6-2.
Mikhail Youzhny (4), Russia, def. Max Mirnyi, Belarus, 7-5, 3-6, 6-2.
Michael Llodra (7), France, def. Michael
Kohlmann, Germany, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, def. Alex Corretja,
Spain, 7-6 (3), 6-7 (5), 7-6 (8).

## Generali Ladies Open

Thursday
At Intersport Arena Linz
Linz, Austria
Purse: \$585,500 (Tier II)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
Second Round

Second Round
Vera Zvonareva (4), Russla, def. Nathalle
Dechy, France, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Meghann Shaughnessy, United States,
def. Julia Schruff, Germany, 7-5, 6-2, eff.
Marta
Domachovska, Poland, 6-4, 6-1.
Al Suglyama (6), Japan, def. Danlela Hantuchova, Slovakla, 6-2, 6-1.

## **SEAT Open**

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## Deals

#### Wednesday's transactions BASEBALL

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NEW YORK YANKEES—Signed LTIP Debuty
Borrell to a minor league contract.
National League
COLORADO ROCKIES—Activated OF Cory
Sullivan and RHP Jason Young from the
60-day DL.
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NEW YORK KNICKS—Walved F Tracy Mur-Fayer Marker Ma

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DENVER BRONCOS—Placed RB Quentir
riffin on injured reserve. Signed RB Ceci
app. Signed RB Kris Briggs to the practice

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NICHOLLS STATE—Named J.P. Piper men's

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# **Utah's mountainous task**

## Utes' quest for perfection faces obstacles in Mtn. West

By RALPH D. RUSSO The Associated Press

Utah will be a big favorite in its last four games against Mountain West Conference opponents, starting Saturday at San Diego

College **Picks** 

might not be as easy as it looks for the Utes (7-0) to finish the regular season

Still.

Familiarity, home-field advantage and emotion could all help derail Utah's hopes of becoming the first team from a non-BCS conference to participate in the Bowl Championship Series.

The Utes would guarantee themselves a spot in one of the four marquee bowl games and more than \$14 million by finishing in the top six in the BCS standings. They moved into sixth place this week, a spot that will be tough to hold even if they do beat San Diego State, Colorado State, Wyoming and BYU.

The Aztecs, Rams, Cowboys and Cougars will aim to be a spoil-

Also, they all faced Utah last season, so coach Urban Meyer's diverse offense, led by quarterback Alex Smith, isn't going to catch them off guard.

Plus, the conference title race isn't over. Colorado State and BYU each has only one MWC loss and could still be in the running for a championship when they face the Utes.

Remember last year? TCU's BCS dreams were ended by Southern Mississippi, which ended up winning the Conference USA title

The Utes do catch a break by getting the Rams and Cougars at home. They play at Wyoming and San Diego State

But while San Diego State (2-5, 0-3) has been a disappointment, the Aztecs' defense was good enough to give Michigan fits this year. And the Cowboys (4-3, 1-2) beat Mississippi at Laramie in September.

"Anything can happen. For me, I'm not too familiar with the rank-Utah offensive lineman Tavo Tupola said. "I'm just worabout my assignments. That's a tough responsibility as it is.'

The picks:

## Saturday

No. 1 Southern Cal (minus 24) Washington State: Trojans have been ranked in top 10 for 26 straight games ... USC 37-10. No. 2 Oklahoma (minus 12) at

No. 20 Oklahoma State: First of two straight tough road games for Sooners ... OKLAHOMA 33-24.

No. 3 Auburn (minus 18) at Mississippi: Tigers won't let it slip



Utah quarterback Alex Smith will face the top-ranked defense in the Mountain West Conference when the Utes play at San Diego State on Saturday. After this weekend, Utah's remaining regular-season games are against Colorado State, Wyoming and Brigham Young.

against Rebels this time ... AURURN 35-13

No. 4 Miami (minus 211/2) at North Carolina: Canes could simply pound Tar Heels ... MIAMI 48-20.

No 5 Florida State (minus 10½) at Maryland: 'Noles' swarming defense vs. Terps' inept offense ... FLORIDA STATE 20-3. No. 7 California (minus 15½)

vs. No. 20 Arizona State: Cal has scored 106 in two straight victories over Sun Devils ... CALIFOR-NIA 47-24.

No. 8 Texas (minus 14) at Colo-



Oklahoma State tailback Vernand Morency figures to provide a challenge for second-ranked Oklahoma on Saturday. The Cowboys have beaten the Sooners in two of the past three meetings.

rado: Buffs have worst defense in

Big 12 ... TEXAS 37-17. No. 9 Utah (minus 18½) at San Diego State: Aztecs have No. 1 defense in MWC ... UTAH 26-13.

No. 10 Georgia (minus 7) vs. Florida at Jacksonville, Fla.: Win one for the Zooker — or not ... GEORGIA 28-17.

No. 11 Tennessee (pick) at South Carolina: Gamecocks help Georgia in SEC East race . SOUTH CAROLINA 20-16.

Michigan State (plus 11) at No. 12 Michigan: Spartans QB Drew Stanton is fifth in Big 10 in rushing ... MICHIGAN 24-17.

No. 15 West Virginia (minus 14½) at Rutgers: Mountaineers rolling through Big East to BCS how! WEST VIRGINIA 37-18 No. 16 Texas A&M (minus 24) at Baylor: Aggies gearing up for Sooners ... TEXAS A&M 37-0.

No. 17 Purdue (minus 91/2) at Northwestern: Boilermakers could be sluggish after two straight losses ... PURDUE

Vanderbilt (plus 24) at No. 19 LSU: First meeting since 1997 ... ISH 42-13.

No. 23 Iowa (minus 11) at Illinois: Illini have lost 13 straight Big Ten games ... IOWA 27-10. No. 24 Minnesota (minus 171/2)

at Indiana: Gophers eat up bad teams ... MINNESOTA 44-14. Last week: 19-4 (straight);

15-7-1 (vs. points). 123-30 (straight); 76-67-3 (vs. points).

## College football schedule/statistics

## Weekend schedule

Columbia at Yale Marist at Duquesne Delaware at Navy St. Peter's at Robert Morris Connecticut at Syracuse Sacred Heart at Stony Brook William & Mary at Towson SOUTH

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N.C. State at Clemson
Duke at Wake Forest
Webber International at Jacksonville
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#### **Division I-A statistics** Total offense

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#### Div. I-A individual statistics Rushing

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#### Passing

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ver, Texas Tech	7	52	567	7.4
is, Oregon St.	7	51	798	7.3
vards, Michigan	8	58	806	7.3
lmore, Northwestern	7	50	574	7.1
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ore, Toledo	8	56	663	7.0
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# RACING STRIPES

## A WEEKLY LOOK AT MOTORSPORTS

# Air NASCAR

## Hendrick tragedy shows risks inherent to racing aren't just at the track

BY MIKE HARRIS The Associated Press

fleet of private planes known as the "NASCAR Air Force" has made travel easier for drivers and teams. But Sunday's crash that killed 10 people flying to a race aboard a Hendrick Motorsports team plane showed such convenience also can involve

"We use planes just like our "said Ricky Rudd, one of several NASCAR Nextel Cup drivers who are also pilots. "We put a lot of hours in the air and have some of the best pilots in the country that fly these things, and some of

the best equipment. The backbone of the NASCAR air fleet has been two-engine, 12-passenger aircraft like the Beech 200 King Air that crashed

into the side of a mountain in thick fog Sunday while trying to land at a small airport Martinsville Speedway in Virginia.

All aboard were killed, including team owner Rick Hendrick's son, Ricky; his broth-

er. John, and John's two daughters, Jennifer and Kimberly. Also on the plane were the team's general manager, Jeff Turner, and its chief engine builder, Randy Dorton as well as Joe Jackson an evecutive with DuPont; Scott Lathram, 38, a pilot for NASCAR driver Tony Stewart; and pilots Richard Tracy and Elizabeth Morri-

For years, nearly everyone traveled back and forth to the races in team vans or private cars, but the proliferation of private planes has changed that

Nextel Cup teams race 38 weekends each year, including two all-star events. On many of those weekends, the Concord, N.C., Regional Airport - the closest airport for most teams - is buzzing with activity. More than 100 air-— helicopters and airplanes - take off and land, ferrying drivers team owners crewmen snonsors and fans to airports near the

More aircraft, including a pair of 727 jets owned by Roush Racing, fly in and out of nearby Charlotte Douglas International Air-

"Actually, it's not just race weekends," said Annette Privette, a spokeswoman for the city

two all-star events. On many of those weekends, the Concord, N.C., Regional Airport — the closest airport for most teams — is buzzing with activity.

Nextel Cup teams race 38 weekends each year, including

of Concord. "Our airport has approximately 200 aircraft based there and about 60 percent of them are NASCAR-related. There's a lot of flying back and forth to testing and pole nights and driver appearances and

"It's convenient because the teams, obviously, want to spend as much time with their families tice or you miss practice. Miss practice, and they don't let you attempt to qualify

Petty Enterprises driver Jeff Green sees private plane travel as

"Taking the chance on being de

layed in an airport just won't work," Green said. "You have to

be there Friday morning for prac-

more than just a convenience.

"It's more than just drivers. The crews, everybody has to use private planes. We're not talking about convenience, we're talking about necessity. To be able to test and to be able to get to the tracks where you need to be - on top of doing the things you need to do

'But knows that flying is

sonal car. And we really have no choice. We have to fly to get our jobs done. With the escalating use of heli-

private planes, NASCAR's Air Force has a very good safety record

SEE AIR NASCAR ON PAGE 35



Above, NASCAR driver Mark Martin pulls his jet out onto a runway in this 1998 photo. So many drivers have private planes that they're often called the "NASCAR Air Force." But the convenience of air travel isn't without risks, as shown by Sunday's crash that killed 10 people flying to a race aboard a Hendrick Motorsports team plane. An aerial view of the wreckage from that crash is shown at the bottom right.

> for your sponsors and your team you just don't have much choice

Mark Martin, another driver who is also a pilot, lost his father, stepmother and half sister in 1998 when a private plane his father was piloting crashed in Nevada.

But Martin said he has no qualms about continuing to use his

plane. "I suppose we've been pretty lucky in a way," Martin said in an interview last year. everybody

still safer than driving in your per-

copters - for short hauls - and



## NASCAR NEXTEL CUP

## Race 33: Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500, 1:30 a.m. Monday, AFN-Sports

Last race: .limmie .lohnson's win in the Subway 500 in Martinsville, Va., was marred by the news that a plane owned by his team, Hendrick Motorsports, crashed in thick fog en route to the race, killing all 10 people aboard, including the son, brother and two nieces of owner

Rick Hendrick. The Hendrick team also includes Jeff

Gordon, Terry Labonte and Brian Vickers. Last year: Jeff Gordon held off a strong chal lenge from Tony Stewart and won the Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500. The event was suspended one



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Chase began.

day because of rain.



Nextel Cup race rec

Kurt Busch finished fifth at Martinsville and built his lead in the championship standings to 96 points over Jeff Gordon. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. won the Golden Corral 500 at Hampton on March Ja. No driver has ta since Bill Elilott in 1922. — Ryan Newman won his series-high seventh pole at Martinsville. — None of the remaining — championship championship championship per has an average limish between 180 at Al-anta.

## POINTS RACE

After 32 of 36 races 2. Jeff Gordon 5.919 3. Dale Fambardt Jr. 5.890 4. Jimmie Johnson 5,808 5.791 6. Tony Stewart 5.769

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17. Jeff Burton 3,428 18. Rusty Wallace 3.416 20. Gree Riffle 3.358

## BUSCH SERIES

Last race: Martin Truex Jr. extended his points lead by holding off Greg Biffle in a green-white-checker restart and winning the Sam's Town 250 at the Memphis Motorsports Park. Truex, who has six wins this season, is now 208 points ahead of Kyle Busch.

Kyle Busch.

Last year: Greg Biffle passed
Michael Waltrip for the lead with 10
laps left to win the Aaron's 312.

Fast facts: Busch has not wo since posting consecutive victories at Indianapolis and Michigan in August, a span of seven races. — Mark Martin is expected to make his fourth Busch start of the season this weekend. He has three wins and six top-10 finishes in nine career appear ances with the series at Atlanta.

Last race: Jamie McMurray be-came the eighth driver in NASCAR history to win in the Cup series, the

usch series and in a truck after tak-g the Kroger 200 in Martinsville, Va. Next race: Chevy Silverado 150, ov. 5, Avondale, Ariz.

Last race: Bruno Junqueira spoiled is teammate's bid to clinch the is teammate's bid to clinch the hampionship by winning the Lex-lark Indy 300 in Australia. Sebastien ourdais finished second and will ake a 22-point lead over Junqueira to the season-ending race Nov. 7 in

Next race: Nov. 7, Mexico City.

## FORMULA ONE

Last race: Juan Pablo Montoya won in his final race for Will-iams-BMW, beating future McLaren teammate Kimi Raikkonen in the Bra-

#### INDY RACING

Last race: Helio Castroneves picked up his first win in 19 races by taking the season-ending Chevy 500 at Texas Motor Speedway. Series champion Tony Kanaan finished sec-ond and became the first driver in any major series to complete every lap of a season.

## Air NASCAR: Fast transit a way of life

AIR NASCAR, FROM PAGE 34

Driver Alan Kulwicki and three others were killed in the crash of a private plane in 1993 while flying to a race in Bristol, Tenn

Later that same year, Davey Allison died in the crash of his helicopter as he tried to land at Talladega Superspeedway.

There had been no aircraft-related fatalities in NASCAR since. but that doesn't mean there haven't been accidents.

In one three-week period in November 2003, Martin's plane blew two tires taking off from a Goodyear, Ariz., airport after rac-ing at Phoenix, a plane carrying Petty crewmen also blew a tire on takeoff after a test earlier in Phoenix, and driver Tony Stewart's plane hit a deer while landing to refuel at a rural Texas airport on the way to the Phoenix race. There were no injuries

"Things happen but, in most cases, it's just a matter on being inconvenienced, having to wait for repairs or hitching a ride on somebody else's plane," Martin said. "There's still no substitute for the private planes.

There is, however, a substitute for the small planes.

Martin's team owner, Jack Roush, bought his 727s four years ago after starting to feel less and less comfortable about having up to 16 small planes in the air each race weekend.

"I have five teams and we'd have five small planes going to the track on Thursday night or Friday and five more on Sunday morn-Roush said. "Then myself and the five drivers were usually flying our planes in and out, too.

"There's tremendous conges tion at these airports, although I think the FAA does a great job on regulating the air traffic associated with our events. Still, I didn't feel like I wanted to continue to have the responsibility for 16 airplanes, all the maintenance and pilot training.



Scene.

this Sunday

## **Mourners gather for vigil** at Hendrick Motorsports

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The four Hendrick family members killed in a plane crash were remembered Thursday as kind, generous people who were as passionate about giving as they were

Rick Hendrick, founder of the prestigious Hendrick Motor-sports company that fields five NASCAR teams, lost his brother. son, and two nieces when a company plane crashed Sunday en route to a race in Martinsville. Va., killing all 10 people on board.

The 2,000 seats in the sanctuary at Central Church of God were filled an hour before the ceremony began, sending another 2.000 mourners into three overflow rooms to watch the service on closed circuit television.

Spread out among the four rooms were Gov. Mike Easley, Carolina Panthers owner Jerry Richardson, NASCAR chairman Brian France and scores of drivers, crew chiefs, Hendrick employees and other members of the racing community.

With no reserved seating, the rich and famous in attendance mingled with the commoners, a Hendrick family trait in that everyone was treated equally.

"If you had a chance to meet the family, then you were like family," said Kenny Crosswhite, a pastor with Motor Racing Out-

reach Ricky Hendrick, Hendrick's 24-year-old son, was remem-bered as a loving brother who

#### Sports briefs

took the most pleasure from the relationships in his life.

"Ricky focused on real stuff like his family, his friends, his goals and his dreams," sister Lynne Carlson said in her eulogy. "Instead of taking life too seriously he chose to take love and give ing seriously

#### Police: No alcohol or drugs in Strzelczyk at time of crash

HERKIMER, N.Y. — Former NFL player Justin Strzelczyk did not have alcohol or drugs in his system when he died after leading police on a highway chase, authorities said.

State police initially believed the one-time lineman for the Pittshurgh Steelers was intovicated saying he threw a beer bottle out the window during the pursuit. State police investigator James Hunt said Thursday that troopers have since confirmed it was a plastic soda bottle.

Police are testing the liquid inside but it appears that Strzelczyk had been chewing tobacco and was using the bottle as a spittoon.

Strzelczyk, 36, died Sept. 30 after his pickup truck slammed into a tanker truck and exploded after a 90 mph chase along a 40-mile stretch of the New York State Thruway.

Strzelczyk, an offensive lineman, played with the Steelers for nearly a decade until the team released him in 2000.



during a vigil on Wednesday at Hendrick Motorsports in Concord, N.C.

Spencer loses his Nextel ride

CORNELIUS, N.C. - Jimmy Spencer was fired by Morgan Mc Clure Motorsports, just days after he was arrested and accused of interfering with police officers as they attempted to serve a warrant

Spencer has driven 25 races for the team this season without post-ing a top-10 finish. The team didn't indicate whether the firing was because of Spencer's arrest.

On Sunday night, officers went to Spencer's home to arrest James Jonathan Spencer Jr., 18, on a misdemeanor charge of injury to personal property. He is accused of pouring paint on two cars at a Cornelius home Oct. 6.

#### rcia. Lara lead Volvo Masters

SOTOGRANDE, Spain - Sergio Garcia shot 4-under-par 67 in windy conditions Thursday to share the first-round lead of the Volvo Masters with fellow Span-

jard Jose Manuel Lara, who was stung by a bee early in his round

Sluman leads Chrysle after course-record 62

PALM HARBOR, Fla. - Jeff Sluman shot a course-record 62 Thursday on the Copperhead course at Innisbrook to take a two-shot lead after the first round

of the Chrysler Championship. The previous record was a 63 by K.J. Choi in the first round in 2002, when he went on to a

wire-to-wire victory. Jonathan Kaye made a hole-in-one with a 3-iron from 222 yards on 17, then followed with a birdie in a 7-under 64. He was tied with Kirk Triplett and Kent Jones.

Vijay Singh, the No. 1 player in the world, made five birdies in a seven-hole stretch on the back nine and shot 65.

Phil Mickelson, playing for only the second time since the Ryder Cup, carded a 71.

## New info to be released from Bryant case "Further, as noted by the news media, there

DENVER - Dozens of previously sealed court filings and transcripts of closed-door hearings in the Kobe Bryant rape case will

soon be released to the public after some information is removed

District Judge Terry Ruckriegle said Thursday briefs he agreed with media lawyers that there was no reason to keep the mate rial sealed after prosecutors dropped the charges in September because the accuser

NBA

was no longer willing to participate in a trial. No timeline was given for releasing the material, which will include documents regarding DNA testing. Bryant's statements to investigators, various arguments about evidence and expert witnesses, and transcripts from hearings on defense efforts to have certain evidence thrown out.

remains a public as well as an academic interest in what occurred in this case as many of the issues have not been addressed in any reported decisions," Ruckriegle said.

Some details will be edited out, including the woman's name, information regarding her sex life that was ruled irrelevant to the case, and medical information.

## Pacers' hackun G Johnson out 6-8 weeks

INDIANAPOLIS - Indiana Pacers backup point guard Anthony Johnson broke his right hand in Tuesday's exhibition game against Memphis and is expected to miss 6-8 weeks.

The eight-year veteran, the primary backup to starter Jamaal Tinsley, had his hand placed in a cast on Wednesday - the same day center Jeff Foster had arthroscopic surgery to repair frayed cartilage in his right hip. He is also expected to miss 6-8 weeks.

Johnson will not need surgery. Scot Pollard will start at center while Foster

Suns' Stoudemire gets contract extension

PHOENIX - Amare Stoudemire, the 2003 NBA Rookie of the Year, had his contract ex-

tended Wednesday by the Phoenix Suns, who exercised their fourth-year option on the deal. Stoudemire will receive \$2.6 million in the 2005-06 season, and then will become a restricted free agent. That gives the Suns the right of first refusal, meaning they could keep

#### him by matching another team's offer. Cavs pick up Gooden's option for '05-06

CLEVELAND - The Cleveland Cavaliers picked up Drew Gooden's contract option for 2005-06, hoping the forward will take the spot vacated by departed free agent Carlos Boozer. Gooden will make \$3.2 million this season, and the option is worth \$4.06 million.

## NHL officials meet, but lockout is not discussed

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Negotiators for the NHL and its players' union discussed various topics in their first face-to-face meeting in over a month, but the league's labor problems were not the focus of the talks.

Ted Saskin, the senior director of the players association, was in New York on business NHL's chief legal officer.

The sides had not met in person since the last negotiating session on Sept. 9, one week before the NHL imposed a lockout following the expiration of the collective bargaining agreement.

"I know they were in the same place, but it was more of a conversation as opposed to a negotiation," NHL spokesman Frank Brown said Wednesday, the 42nd day of the lockout.

Daly and Saskin talked about last month's World Cup of Hockey tournament, a joint venture between the league and the players association, and other issues.

No plans were made for future meetings. The NHL regular season was due to begin Oct. 13, but games are being canceled by teams on a 45-day rolling basis.

During the last negotiating session in Toronto, the NHLPA proposed a luxury tax-based system that was rejected by the league.

## WR Boldin set to make season debut for Cards

TEMPE, Ariz. - Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Anguan Boldin went through a full workout in pads Wednes-day and said NEL

there's no doubt he'll play in Sunbriefs day's Buffalo

"For the past couple of weeks, my goal has been to get back on the field without any setbacks — any swelling or any pain," he said "I think I've reached that goal right now."

Boldin, last season's NFL rookie of the year, will be upgraded to probable on Thursday, coach Dennis Green said.

Green said that if Boldin is ac tive for Sunday's game, "he'll play a significant amount.

Roldin has been sidelined since his right knee locked up during training camp on Aug. 10. He underwent arthroscopic surgery to renair torn cartilage.

Roldin missed a season at Florida State with an injured left knee. and that helped him understand what it takes to come back.

"Just be patient. I think that's the most important part — work hard and be patient," Boldin said Boldin said. You can't come back too soon because you'll just end up getting

#### **Hobbled Tomlinson expects** to play against Raiders

SAN DIEGO - LaDainian Tomlinson missed practice Wednesday and will probably sit practice out Thursday because of a strained groin, but the San Diego Chargers running back expects to play against the Oakland Raiders

Tomlinson has been playing through the injury the past three weeks.

Two of Tomlinson's five big-

#### NFL injury update

Giants: WR Amani Toomer (hamstring) questionable; C Shaun O'Hara (viral in-fection) questionable. Jaguars: RB Fred Taylor (quadriceps)

gest games as a pro came against the Raiders in 2003. He had a career-high 243 vards in a home win in the season finale, and 187 vards in an overtime loss at Oakand on Sept. 28.

But Tomlinson hasn't rushed for more than 65 yards in the past three games.

"It was pretty bad at first, but it's getting better," said Tomlinson who was hurt in the second half of a home win against Tennessee on Oct. 3.

#### Eagles RB Levens to start for injured Westbrook

PHILADEL PHIA - With lead ing rusher Brian Westbrook likeout of Sunday's game against Baltimore with a cracked rib, 34-year-old running back Dorsey Levens will start

Levens never thought he'd get that chance again.

"I can't say that I did, honestlv." Levens said Thursday. "At my age and position, it's just not a likely scenario at this point. But it's here and it's time to go."

It's Levens' first start since Dec. 16, 2001, in his final season with Green Bay. Levens had two 1.000-vard from seasons 1994-2001 and is fourth on the Packers' career rushing list.

He spent the 2002 season with the Eagles and had the worst season of his career last year with the Giants, averaging a career-low 2.9 vards per carry. Levens said he was ready to quit, but



LaDainian Tomlinson has missed parts of San Diego's past three games with a strained groin.

he continued to work out in case an opportunity to play arose

Levens will face one of the ton run defenses in the NFL. The Ravens are seventh in the league in run defense, allowing 100.3 yards per game and only 3.4

yards a carry "It's probably not the best timing in the world because it is a good defense, but the opportunity presents itself," Levens said.

#### Redskins rookie Taylor arrested on drunken-driving charge

ASHBURN, Va. - Washington Redskins rookie Sean Taylor was arrested Wednesday on charges of driving under the influence and refusing a breathalyzer test.

Taylor was pulled over by a Virginia state trooper at about 2:45 a.m. EDT, on Washington's Interstate 495. The officer suspected Taylor had been drinking, and Taylor flunked some field sobriety tests, according to Virginia State Police Lt. Harry Newlin.

Taylor was held for four hours in the Fairfax County Jail and released on \$5,000 bond. He is due in court Dec. 1. A first offense is punishable by up to one year in prison or a \$2,500 fine, or both.

Coach Joe Gibbs had already said it was "very unlikely" the 21-year-old safety will play Sun-day against the Green Bay Pack-

"It sounds like it's serious, Gibbs said after practice Thurs day, "And we'll kind of deal with it with what we think is best for

## 49ers' first-round picks struggling

BY GREG BEACHAM The Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. - The San Francisco 49ers insist their salvation will arrive through the draft

They hope years of bad con tracts, unlucky injuries and salarv-can woes can be erased through solid choices in April.

trouble is, the 49ers' record in restocking their roster isn't much more impressive than their 1-5 mark this season — particularly when it matters most.

San Francisco has made 10 first-round picks in the past 10 vears. Only six are with the team. and not one has played a significant role for the 49ers this season

Linebacker Julian Peterson and cornerback Mike Rumph are out for the year with injuries, while cornerback Ahmed Plummer, defensive end Andre Carter and left tackle Kwame Harris have been limited by less-serious injuries.

Receiver Rashaun Woods, the top pick in last April's draft, is stuck as the 49ers' No. 5 receiver, still playing catch-up after getting

hurt during training camp.

And except for Peterson, who became an All-Pro linebacker last season before his contract holdout and subsequent heel injury, none of the 10 first-round picks has been as good as the 49ers hoped.

"There are no classes in college that you can take to prepare you for being a first-round draft pick in the NFL," said Harris.

The 49ers love to tout the exploits of a roster stocked with more of their own draft choices than nearly any other team - but those choices haven't added up to a competitive team this season.

San Francisco, which plays at Chicago on Sunday, has its worst record after six games since 1979.

stellar picks by the 49ers in recent years. In fact, you could argue that the 49ers have more success in the seventh round of the draft than the first.

Quarterbacks Tim Rattay and Ken Dorsey, starting offensive linemen Kyle Kosier and Eric Heitmann, tight end Eric Johnson and even long-snapper Brian Jennings were final-round gems.

But the team's first-round picks the ones who command the most money and scrutiny haven't been much help in keep ing the 49ers out of the cellar.

San Francisco had two total busts in the late 1990s — quarterback Jim Druckenmiller and defensive tackle Reggie McGrew and a near-bust in receiver J.J. Stokes, who hung around for eight years on the strength of his unrealized potential.

They drafted cornerback R W McQuarters in 1998, but traded him to the Bears before he developed into a dependable player. Since then, San Francisco has

picked six players who are works in progress — though there's no common theme to their various struggles and setbacks.

Nobody has more work to do than Woods, quietly expected to be a major contributor to the 49ers' offense this season after heing chosen with the 31st overall pick. Instead, he has struggled to adjust to the speed and precision of the pro game. Harris' struggles have been

among the most dismaying to the 49ers, who hoped the 6-foot-7 tackle would be entrenched as the offensive line's anchor by now. Last winter, they got rid of Derrick Deese to pave the way for his ascension.

But Harris has been hurt for much of the season, and he shows up on many highlight films failing to block a pass-rusher.

## Packers-Redskins game doubles as a predictor for Election Day

By JOSEPH WHITE The Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. - This election season. Washington Redskins cornerback Fred Smoot has a predicament faced by many NFL players: a Democrat's background and a Republican's income.

They turn Republican. I see it all the time," Smoot said. "It all goes back to changing your economic value.

Smoot, a black from modest means in Mississippi, has decided to choose his roots over his pocketbook. He is supporting John Kerry for president.

"When you go into a higher tax bracket, all of a sudden you don't want to vote for this candidate because he's going to raise taxes,"
Smoot said. "I thought about it. I'm not going to solely vote for this candidate just because he's going to be save me a couple of dollars and it not turn out to be the best thing for me or my country."

That, however, presents Smoot with another dilemma: For Kerry to win, the Redskins have to lose on Sunday - at least according to a bizarre statistical correlation that's been accurate for seven de-

"We've got to win this game no doubt, but I'm hoping John Kerry can kind of reverse the curse Smoot said. "I'm wishing him luck, man. This is the millennium for all trends to be broken.

Since the Redskins became the Redskins in 1933, the result of the team's final home game before the presidential election has cor rectly predicted the White House winner If the Redskins win the incumbent party wins. If they lose, the incumbent party is ousted.

"It's kind of amazing," coach Joe Gibbs said. "You wouldn't think something like that would line up that many times."

Gibbs said the statistic doesn't mean anything, but he can at least pretend that it does - because he's solidly in the Bush camp

Kerry's vice presidential candidate John Edwards has been quoted as saying he's rooting for the Packers. While no doubt thankful for the endorsement, Green Bay coach Mike Sherman is concerned about more rudimen tary matters, such as the health of quarterback Brett Favre

"It's going to take a lot more than Packers fans to determine the outcome of an election," Sherman said.

The locker room, particularly in Washington, isn't immune to political discussions in this politically charged year. Injured tackle Jon Jansen recently showed up for a game wearing a Bush pin on

Most players, however, are reluctant go public with their views.



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# Astros exercise Biggio's option, decline Kent's

HOUSTON - Craig Biggio will be back with the Houston Astros next season. If Jeff Kent returns, it will be at a reduced rate.

Biggio's \$3 million option was exercised Thursday by the As-tros, who declined Kent's \$9 million option and will pay the sec-ond baseman a \$700,000 buyout.

However, general manager Gerry Hunsicker said the team "made it clear to him that we had interest in sitting down with him and bringing him back under another contract scenario.

Eight Astros are eligible for free agency, including outfielder Carlos Beltran, likely to be pur-sued by the New York Yankees

and other big spenders Biggio, who will be 39 when next season begins, is such a franchise icon that a statue of him and longtime teammate Jeff Bagwell sits outside Minute Maid Park He was an All-Star at catcher and second base before moving to the outfield. He was the starting center fielder until moving to left to make way for Beltran.

Biggio is the franchise leader in games (2,409), hits (2,639), runs (1,603), at-bats (9,221), singles (1,790) and doubles (564).

No other current major leaguer has played as many games for his

He hit .281 with a career-high 24 home runs, 47 doubles and 63

## Baseball briefs

RBIs this past season. In the playoffs, Biggio hit .269 with two home runs and five RBIs

If Houston had declined the option. Biggio would have received

a \$1 million buyout. Kent, 37 next season, agreed to an \$18.2 million, two-year con-

tract in December 2002 Kent hit .289 with 27 homers and 107 RBIs last season. He also set a club record by hitting in 25 straight games and started the All-Star Game in Houston.

His 278 homers are the most by a second baseman and his seven seasons with 100 RBIs ties another mark for the position. The former NL MVP has a career average of .289 with 302 homers and 1,207 RBIs in 13 seasons.

## on Alou, Grudzielanek

CHICAGO - Moises Alou might not be maming left field at Wrigley Field anymore

The Chicago Cubs declined an \$11.5 million mutual option on the outfielder Thursday and will pay him a a \$2.5 million buyout. The Cubs also declined a \$2.5 million option on second baseman Mark Grudzielanek, paying him a

\$250,000 buyout instead. Both players become eligible for free agency.

surprise. Alou led the team with a career-high 39 homers and 106 RBIs - the fifth time in his career he's topped 100 RBIs — and said he wanted to come back to Chicago next year. But the Cubs are looking for a younger and cheaper option than the 38-year-old as they remake their roster after a late-season collapse

Alou hit .283 with 76 home runs and 258 RBIs in three seasons with the Cubs. He's a career .300 hitter, with 278 homers and 1,092 RBIs, and is a four-time All-Star. He also has a World Series ring from 1997, when he hit three homers and drove in nine runs in Flor-

that cost them a spot in the play-

ida's victory over Cleveland. Grudzielanek hit .307, but he missed most of the first two months of the season with inflammation in his right Achilles' tendon, and only played 81 games.

#### Burnitz, Clayton receive fond farewells from Rockies

DENVER - Dear Jeromy and Royce: Thanks a lot, you're fired.

The Colorado Rockies mailed thank-vou letters this week to veterans Jeromy Burnitz and Royce Clayton, who will play elsewhere next season as the Rockies pursue a vouth movement.

They didn't have to do that. It was a nice touch," Clayton told The Denver Post

manager Dan O'Dowd, explained to the players the team's commitment to getting younger in 2005.

Burnitz, 35, led the Rockies with 38 home runs last season. He and the team rejected a \$3 million mutual option for pext sea-

Clayton, 34, hit .279 with eight homers and 54 RBIs. The Rockies plan to use rookie Clint Barmes next year at Clayton's shortstop position.

#### Mets interview Riggleman NEW YORK — Jim Riggleman interviewed Wednesday for the

Mets' managing job, and the team hopes to hire a replacement for Art Howe next week. Riggleman, the Dodgers' bench coach, managed San Diego for just more than two seasons and

was the Chicago Cubs' manager for five seasons before being fired in 1999. He has a 486-598 record as a major league manager. Riggleman met with Mets Gen-

eral Manager Omar Minaya. New York already has interviewed Yankees coach Willie Randolph. former managers Carlos Tosca and Terry Collins and Texas Rangers hitting coach Rudy Jaramillo.

na Diamondbacks.

Wally Backman pulled out of the managerial hunt to focus on his bid to get a job with the Arizo-

## former catcher Russell

PHILADELPHIA - John Russell, a first-round pick (13th overall) by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 1982 draft who played for them from 1984-88, interviewed for the team's managerial vacancy on Wednesday.

The Phillies, who fired Larry Bowa with two games left in the season, already have interviewed former major league managers Don Baylor, Buddy Bell, Charlie Manuel, Grady Little, and Jim Fregosi. They will interview Braves batting coach Terry Pendleton on Thursday and former Pittsburgh, Florida and Colorado manager Jim Leyland on Monday.

#### Elarton agrees to \$850,000, one-year deal with Indians

CLEVELAND - Scott Elarton. who pitched effectively late in the season after a slow start with Cleveland, agreed Thursday to an \$850,000, one-year contract with the Indians.

Elarton who can earn another \$150,000 in performance bonuses, had been eligible for free agen-

The right-hander, who went 3-5 last season, signed as a free agent with the Indians on May 25 after he was released by Colorado

He went 0-6 in eight starts with the Rockies

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# No more waiting until next year in Boston

BY JAY LINDSAY The Associated Press

BOSTON - Matt Savage stood in the chill outside Fenway Park on Thursday morning, elated and a little dazed as he greeted the World Series champion Boston Red Sox. He ruled out going to work for the immediate future. but he wasn't worried about iob

His boss was standing next to

"I think everything's going to be on hold for a little while," said Savage, 33, of Wilmington.

On Thursday, priorities like jobs became afterthoughts as Red Soy fans celebrated the end of Boston's 86-year title drought and tried to fathom their new place in the baseball universe: winners.

'It definitely hasn't registered yet," Savage said. "I'm just waiting for the ump to say (winning nitcher) Derek Lowe wasn't eligihle he was traded to the (Janan League's) Nippon Ham Fighters before the game.

"Literally every conversation you have starts with, 'Do you believe it?" said Tom Gilligan, 40, of Boston. Boston, who works in sales. "World karma has changed."

Boston's bad karma came from a series of famous collapses that Wednesday's win totally eclipses. After winning the 1918 World Series the Soy lost the Series in the



Red Sox fans gather around Fenway Park in Boston early Thursday morning, waiting for their triumphant team to return home.

final game in 1946, 1967, 1975 and 1986. In 1978, Boston completed a monumental regular-sea son collapse with a loss to the Yankees in a one-game playoff, after which. Savage reported. brother became an atheist."

All the psychic pain doesn't just disappear in one day. On Thursday, some Sox fans were cautious, and even irrational, about accepting their good fortune. Several said they scanned the sports pages first thing to make sure the win actually happened. Gilligan looked in another section of the

"I checked the obituaries to

make sure I was still alive," he

Becky Sanborn of Fall River said the victory left her family struggling for words to describe the feeling.

"We were excited, but let down at the same time because you don't know what to do," she said. 'You don't know how to explain what happened."

The stunning new reality had an immediate effect on the workplace. Some fans decided to skip work entirely, while those who did report to their jobs said productivity wasn't at its peak.

"We're getting the job done, but

a bit of stretch," said Tom Boyle, 30 of Boston who works in finance. "Everybody's thrilled. People are just floating around the of-

Keith Fisher, 45, of Revere, a service representative for a communications company, said people were busy hanging newspa-per headlines around his office and trying to make sense of the Red Sox's success.

"It's going to take a good parade and maybe a couple of beers," he said

Red Sox outfielder Johnny Damon said he understands that despite their fervent backing, many Sox fans didn't think the team would actually pull it off.

'We know what we just did was something that nobody thought would ever happen again,' Damon said.

Even if Sox fans don't yet know how to deal with their fortune, they're enjoying the change. Thousands noured onto the streets of Boston after the game, while hundreds of others lined up to watch Boston's early morning return to Fenway.

"As we drove in the buses with police escort, traffic was stopped everywhere, people were out of their cars," said Red Sox principal owner John Henry. Just sheer joy, the release of all this yearning to win a world chamship is just a great thing to

## 39 arrested in postgame celebration

The Associated Press

BOSTON - Thirty-nine people were arrested and 63 were injured as tens of thousands of Red Sox fans gathered near Fenway Park to celebrate the team's World Series victory.

Forty-one people were treated on the scene, and 22 were taken to hospitals. Most of the injuries were minor, although one man was hospitalized after falling from a light pole. He was in stable condition Thursday afternoon. A police officer received a shoulder injury.

Most of the people arrested were charged with disorderly conduct; several were charged with assault and battery.

Police were out in full force. hoping to avoid the wild scene that erupted after the team's Game 7 win over the New York Yankees last week, when a college student was killed. Victoria Snelgrove, 21, an Emerson College student, died after being hit in the eye by a pepper-spray pellet fired by

## Lowe takes teammates to new heights

## Red Sox right-hander becomes first pitcher to win three clinchers in same postseason

BY RONALD BLUM

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS - Derek Lowe stood in the boisterous Boston clubhouse, a bottle of champagne in one hand, a cigar in the other.
"Unbelievable." he said. "No

more going to Yankee Stadium and having to listen to '1918!'

Dave Ferriss failed. Jim Lonborg failed.

So did Bill Lee. Roger Clemens and Bruce Hurst, too, names piled high on the heap of Red Sox flops near the finish.

Lowe came through.

Starting this day, he's forever a Red Sox hero, a name to be remembered by children throughout New England as long as base ball is played in Boston.

He did it! With the Red Sox one precious victory from that elusive World Series title, Lowe came through with the game of a lifetime, the missing highlight to be played over and over and over especially when the come to Fenway Park.

Lowe ended 86 years of lowlights, helped the Red Sox get over the top. He shut out the St. Louis Cardinals on three hits in seven innings, and completed an amazing World Series sweep the first for the Red Sox - with a 3-0 victory Wednesday night that made him the first pitcher to win three postseason clinchers in one vear

Already, Lowe was looking ahead to the biggest parade Bos ton has seen since the British were chased out of town "It gets me tingling to think

about it." he said. This year, let the party go on all

weekend, with Lowe receiving the first toast

The first pitcher to win a World Series clincher for Boston since Carl Mays in 1918, he put up zeros on the scoreboard as Johnny Damon's leadoff homer in the first and Trot Nivon's two-run double in third provided the offense that sent Boston on to its eighth straight postseason victo-

Before the game, Lowe was in Boston's dugout on the third-base side of Busch Stadium singing, "If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands

31-year-old right-hander, born in Dearborn, Mich., and a resident of Boston's spring training town of Fort Myers, Fla., Lowe has been with the Red Sox since 1997, was their closer in 2000 and much of 2001 before 10 losses in relief caused Boston to bounce him back to the rotation.

Then, the following April 27, he pitched a no-hitter against Tampa Bay. But he went 0-3 in the play offs in 2003 and this year, the final season in his contract. slumped to a 14-12 record and a 5.42 ERA. By the time the playoffs came around, he was out of the rotation



Derek Lowe, who was 14-12 with a 5.42 ERA during the regula season, allowed three hits in seven innings as the Red Sox clinched the World Series with a 3-0 victory over St. Louis.

"We talked to him in Baltimore told him he was going to the bullpen. He wasn't happy," manager Terry Francona said. "We told him he had a day to pout, yell or whatever, because he was going to have something to do in the playoffs. We didn't know how much. But to his credit, he did what he was supposed to do. He didn't pout. He got himself ready, and look at what he did."

He got the victory against Anaheim in the final game of the first round. Then, when Tim Wakefield wound up being used in relief in Game 3 against the Yankees. Lowe was called on to start Game 4. Boston won that one in extra in-

nings, and Lowe started and won Game 7, allowing one hit over six innings as Boston completed its historic comeback from an 0-3

"When you think you're down as far as you can go, I kept getting back up." Lowe said. "I gave myself the nickname 'Cockroach' in the Anaheim series. They kept trying to kill me. I'd find a way to wiggle back to life. Grady Little. Francona's prede-

cessor, had questioned whether Lowe was out too late at night and suggested that Lowe's body language on the mound was a sign of trouble

"When Pedro [Martinez] nitches a bad game, he pitches a bad game. ... When I pitch bad, I'm a mental Gidget," Lowe said last July after a string of bad outings.

Boston had looked far and wide for the pitcher who could get that final victory, could lead the Red Sox back to the title. He was in the clubhouse all the time.

Scampering about the clubhouse, with champagne flying, he thought about the ceremonies. The flag gets raised at Fenway on April 11, with the Yankees on hand to watch.

He didn't want to wait for the

hardware. "I wish," he said, "we could get our rings tomorrow.

## **World Series** Saturday, Oct. 23 Boston 11, St. Louis 9

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## **Red Sox:** Boston ends 86 years of futility

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It was Boston's sixth championship, but the first after 86 years of frustration and futility, after two world wars, the Great Depression, men on the moon, and the

rise and fall of the Soviet Union.
After all that, on an eerie night when the moon went dark in a total eclipse, MVP Manny Ramirez and the Red Sox made it

They became the third straight wild-card team to win the Series, and the first club to win eight

straight in a postseason.

Gone was the heartbreak of four Game 7 losses since their last title, a drought — some insist it was a curse — that really began after they sold Babe Ruth to the Vankers in 1920.

ankees in 1920. Damon's leadoff homer against Jason Marquis and Trot Nixon's two-out, two-run double on a 3-0 pitch in the third were all that Lowe and the bullpen needed.

"They outplayed us in every category, so it ended up not being a terrific competition," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said.

"We were ready to play. We didn't play good enough."

Having won the first-round clincher against Anaheim in relief and then vinning Game 7 at Yankee Stadium, Lowe blanked the Cards on a mere three hits for seven innings.

Relievers Bronson Arroyo and Alan Embree worked the eighth and Keith Foulke finished it off for his first save.

Even before Doug Mientkiewicz caught Foulke's toss on Edgar Renteria's grounder for

the last out, the Red Sox were rushing out of the dugout. Boston players streamed in from the bullpen, and they all came together in a pulsating pile between the mound and first base.

With flashbulbs popping, the hugging and jumping was electrifying. And why not? The day that would never quite come for a generation of Red Sox players and

fans had arrived.
"We can't reverse what was a long time ago," first-year manager Terry Francona said. "This was our team this year. You can't do anything else about any other

Now the Red Sox get to raise the World Series banner next April 11 in the home opener at Fenway Park, with the vanquished Yankees in town forced to watch. No telling who will be there — 18 Boston players are potential free agents, including Martinez and Lowe.

Lowe followed up peak performances by Curt Schilling and Martinez, capping off a year in which Boston traded away popular shortston Normar Garcianarra

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"Tm so happy. I'm happy for
the fans in Boston, I'm happy for
Johnny Pesky, for Bill Buckner,
for (Bob) Stanley and (Calvin)
Schiraldi and all the great Red
Sox players who can now be remembered for the great players

that they were," Schilling said.
Schilling got himself traded
from Arizona to Boston last Noember, eager to beat the Yanlees and put the Red Sox in the
World Series for the first time
since 1986. He made it worth his
while, with the win ensuring him
an extra \$15 million in a contract
be necotiated himself.



Manny Ramirez

## Ramirez chosen as Series MVP

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Manny Ramirez will cherish this moment forever, same as every Red Sox fan from the bustle of downtown Boston to the coastal mountains of Maine.

Ramirez and the Red Sox finished a four-game sweep of St. Louis with a 3-0 victory Wednesday night, giving them their first championship since 1918. Now the shy kid who grew up in the shadow of Yankee Stadium owns a treasured spot in baseball loor — he is Boston's first World Se-

"I never thought I'd get to be part of a World Series winner. But it's fun, let me tell you," Ramirez said. "Before we went to spring training, I told my wife ... I'm going to be the MVP of some-

thing. And I did it."
He batted .412 (7-for-17) with a homer and four RBIs against the Cardinals, helping the Red Sox end 86 years of pain and futility.
That was the idea when

That was the idea when then-general manager Dan Duquette signed Ramirez to a \$160 million, eight-year deal in December 2000.

Ramirez put up prodigious power numbers during his first three seasons in Boston. But his awful defense, deplorable baserunning and hefty contract prompted the team to place him on waivers last offseason.

The front office then tried to trade him to Texas for AL MVP Alex Rodriguez. The deal fell through, and Ramirez was back in left field this season, flubbing fly balls and hitting homers over the Green Monster at Fenway Park.

He won his first AL home run crown, connecting 43 times. He also led the league in slugging percentage (.613) and finished with 130 RBIs. But his absent-minded play kept skeptics wondering if he was really the guy to finally carry Boston to glory in October.

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A long lineage of great sluggers had tried and failed, from Jimmie Foxx to Ted Williams to Carl Yastrzemski and Jim Rice. But it's Ramirez who became a champion, earning every penny of that

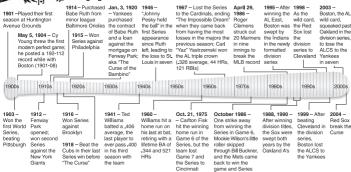
enormous contract.

Before the game, Ramirez and
Barry Bonds received the 2004
Hank Aaron Award, recognizing
the outstanding offensive player
in each league. Ramirez also won
with Cleveland in 1999, when he
had 165 RBIs

## **Red Sox reverse the Curse**

The Red Sox finally broke "The Curse of the Bambino," sweeping the Cardinals in four games to win the World Series, This comes after beating the Yankees in the ALCS, achieving the greatest postseason series comeback in history. Many people attributed their 86-year title drought to trading Babe Ruth to the Yankees.

#### Highlights and blunders of the Boston Red Sox



SOURCE: Major League Baseball

## Cards: Powerful St. Louis lineup bows out quietly vs. Boston

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"The odds obviously were against us," said Bill DeWitt Jr., the team's general partner and chairman of the board. "If we had won tonight it would be something to build on. But every time we hit the ball hard, it was right at somebody."

Mostly, St. Louis went quietly. The Cardinals scored one run in the last two games at home, where they had been 6-0 in the postseason, and were a woeful 4-for-28 with runners in scoring position in the Series.

The Cardinals totaled 12 runs, the fewest since the Braves had nine when they were swept by the Yankees in 1999.

The life seemed drained out of the Cardinals after their most forgettable play of the Series, pitcher Jeff Suppan frozen between third and home with one out in the third inning of Game 3. Instead of tying the score at 1 on a run that the Red Sox had been conceding, Suppan ran into a double play.

Starting with that at-bat, the Cardinals reached base only seven times in \$4 plate appearances the rest of the Series, getting a homer, a double, three singles and two walks against a Red Sox staff that was considered far from dominant. They advanced only four runners into scoring position in Game 4.

It seemed as if it was shaping up as a sluggers' series after the Red Sox's 11-9 victory in Game 1. After that, the Cardinals scored just three runs.

Cleanup hitter Scott Rolen, second in the NL with 124 RBIs, was 0-for-15 with one RBI. He finished the year in a 12-for-75 skid after coming back from a strained left calf in mid-Septemher.

No. 5 hitter Jim Edmonds, who hit 42 homers and had a career-best 111 RBIs, was 1-for-15 with no RBIs. Sanders was 0-for-9 with five strikeouts before getting benched in favor of John Mabry in Game 4. Mabry continued that trend, going 0-for-3 with two strikeouts.

Albert Pujols and Larry Walker had their moments, but never with any support from the rest of the offense. Walker was 4-for-5 in Game 1 and homered for the Cardinals' lone run in Game 3. Pujols had three of St. Louis' five hits in Game 2 but was silent in the clincher before singling to lead off the ninth.

Pujols, Rolen and Edmonds were horrible in the clutch, going a combined 1-for-12. None of them got a chance for redemption in Game 4.

Pitching shouldered its share of the blame. Before Jason Marquis gutted out six innings in the 3-0 Game 4 loss, the Cardinals had gotten very little from the ro-

Marquis was the first starter to last long enough to qualify for a victory. The three pitchers who preceded him lasted a total of

112/3 innings and allowed 15 runs. Cardinals pitchers allowed at least one run in the first inning of all four games. St. Louis was dominated so completely, it never led. "It's amazing," said Game 1

"It's amazing," said Game 1 loser Woody Williams. "We were talking about that on the bench: Let's get one lead and see what happens. But it never happened."

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# Red Sox 86 curse

## Boston wins World Series for first time since 1918

BY BEN WALKER The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — They are now forever a part of New England lore, names such as Pokey Reese right up there with Paul Revere and Plymouth Rock

Because these Boston Red Sox — yes, the Boston Red Sox! — are World Series champions at long, long last. No more curse and no doubt about it.

Pedro Martinez paraded the trophy down the left-field line, hoisting it high over his head with both hands after Boston won it for the first time since 1918, beating the St. Louis Cardinals 3-0 Wednesday night for a four-game sweep.

Thousands of Red Sox fans at Busch Stadium roared. Seeing was believing, but they still couldn't believe their eyes.

"We know people who are 90 years old who have just said: 'Just one championship before I die,' "Red Sox chairman Tom Werner said

Johnny Damon homered on the fourth pitch of the game, Derek Lowe made it stand up and the Red Sox wrapped up a Series in which they never trailed.

Ridiculed and reviled through decades of defeat, the Red Sox didn't just defeat the Cardinals. They dominated the team with the best record in baseball.

"All of our fans have waited all their lives for this night, and it's finally here. These guys did it for you, New England," Red Sox owner John Henry said.

Chants of "Thank you, Red Sox!" bounced all around the ballpark when it was over, with Boston fans as revved-up as they were relieved.

Only 10 nights earlier, the Red Sox were just three outs from getting swept by the New York Yankees in the AL Championship Series before becoming the first team in baseball postseason history to overcome a 3-0 deficit.

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Boston Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek jumps into the arms of pitcher Keith Foulke after beating the St. Louis Cardinals 3-0 to win the World Series on Wednesday in St. Louis. The Red Sox, who in the ALCS became the first team to win a best-of-seven series after trailing 3-0, won their first title since 1918.

St. Louis Cardinals center fielder Jim Edmonds, second from left, and shortstop Edgar Renteria, right, watch dejectedly during Wednesday night's loss to Boston

in Game 4. The Cardinals, who won 105 games during the regular season, hit .109 and had a team ERA of 6.09 in the Series.

Ramirez becomes Boston's first Series MVP

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Long-suffering Red Sox fans can celebrate at last

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Lowe reaches high point by winning clincher

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## Cards birds of another feather in Series play

BY R.B. FALLSTROM

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Cardinals seemingly could do no

wrong during the regular season.
But that 105-win team bore no resemblance to the bunch that flopped in the World Series, losing 3-0 to Boston on Wednesday night and getting swept in four games by the Red Sox.

"I wish we would have given them a tougher fight," Reggie Sanders said. "They put the pressure on and we didn't have pressure on them at all, so it was an

easy run for them."
The Cardinals had the National
League's best offense and the second-best pitching staff. Not in the
World Series, where they batted a
feeble. 190 and had a 6.09 ERA.
The lineup was littered with historically bad performances at the
plate, most notably by their trio of
MVP candidates. And, the Cardinals' rotation, minus injured
Chris Carpenter, was exposed as

"They outplayed us in every category," manager Tony La Russa said. "So it ended up not being a terrific competition."

The Cardinals waited 17 years between World Series trips, only to end the season with a dubious distinction: Only one team had more victories before getting swept, the 1954 Indians, who were 111-43 before losing to the New York Giants

The wait was nearly as long for La Rusa. Maybe it was even more gut-wrenching on a personal level, considering that in his last shot at the championship in 1990 his heavily favored Oakland Athletics got swept by the Cincinnati Reds.

After falling behind 3-0, ownership would have been happy with one victory. They were realistic not to expect another comeback like the Red Sox pulled off in the AL Championship Series against the Yankes

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